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BIG PLAN FOR SUPER SOCCER

Bringing big-time soccer to Australia, from left: Mike Harris, Bertie Mee, Leon Clifton, Reg Lambourne and Tom Lawrence.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Bayern Munich, Anderlecht, Ajax Amsterdam, Real Madrid, St. Etienne, Manchester United, Liverpool and Feyenoord are among the soccer giants which may be seen in Australia in a series of rich tournaments.

All have been approached by a new promotions company called World of Soccer, which is planning a spectacular tournament for Melbourne and Sydney in July.

It will be contested by Glasgow Celtic, Red Star Belgrade, Arsenal and an Australian team.

An earlier report that Chelsea of England would also take part was incorrect.

The tournament will also carry a first prize of $27,000 and second prize of $6000.

It will be one of three tournaments by Celtic, Arsenal and Red Star in the Asian region.

Another will be played in Indonesia and the third venue will be either Singapore or Hong Kong.

The promoters last week had talks with officials of the NSW and Victorian Soccer Federations.

They flew to Indonesia yesterday (Tuesday) to finalise negotiations and sign contracts there.

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Flashback to 1967 — Celtic has beaten Inter Milan 2-1 in the European Cup final and the players are jubilant. Celtic is to play here in July.

Bayern, Greece lose to Israel

The Israel team that will meet Australia in Melbourne on Saturday night and in Sydney next Wednesday, beat Bayern Munich and Greece recently.

Israel beat Bayern Munich 2-0 at home despite the presence of Franz Beckenbauer, Uli Hoeness and all the other Bayern stars except Gerd Mueller who is injured.

Last year Israel reached the quarter finals of the soccer tournament of the Olympic Games in Canada.

In other words, Israel is getting stronger and stronger.

The two matches here will show us whether Australia has improved at the same rate.

In 1969 Israel qualified for the 1970 World Cup finals because of a one-goal advantage over Australia.

After having disposed of Japan, South Korea and Rhodesia, Australia travelled to Tel Aviv where we lost 0-1.

We had to win the return leg of the final in Sydney to force a play-off, but we managed only a 1-1 draw, which put Israel through to Mexico.

Since then the two countries have been arch rivals on the football field, so Israel's visit will provide a soccer feast.

Israel starts its World Cup qualifying matches against Japan and South Korea on February 27.

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ARSENAL, CELTIC The giants of Britain, p.12-13

JIM BARKER SET FOR TOP TV JOB

Soccer writer Jim Barker is likely to be one of two Melbourne comperes for the 0-10 Network's national league show, "Philips Top Soccer".

Barker, who writes for **"The Sun News Pictorial"** and the **"Sunday Press"**, will probably be assisted by a Tasmanian who compered soccer on television in England.

Barker compered soccer for Melbourne channel GTV9 in 1970.

He is a former secretary of Ringwood Wilhelmina and Melbourne.

Whereas the 0-10 network seems to have decided on its Melbourne comperes, it is still looking for suitable men in Sydney.

Details of the TV show format will be finalised when **Bob Gardam**, producer of the English programme **"The Big Match"**, arrives in Melbourne on March 14.

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Memo Shoulder: criticism is not a dirty word

A coach's loyalty to his players is admirable but if carried too far, this loyalty can breed complacency.

RALE RASIC

I offer this warning to Australian coach Jim Shoulder.

He is constantly telling us that he is satisfied with his team, that everyone is playing well, that all is sweet and dandy.

His loyalty to his players is indeed admirable.

However, when a player who doesn't deserve it gets a pat on the back, that player will tend to settle for second best.

Instead of driving himself through that invisible barrier, he will produce only the mediocre — which, after all, appears to make his coach happy.

A coach who refuses to criticise his team even when it is playing poorly will have an adverse effect on the members of his squad sitting on the bench.

These substitutes will begin to wonder whether they will ever be given a game, if bad performances by their squad mates are praised instead of blasted.

A coach must not forget that players are there to do a job. They are paid to do that job well and if they don't measure up, they deserve to be castigated.

A coach must remember that there is always room for criticism, just as there is room for praise.

In Australia's 1-3 loss to Red Star in Sydney, all the players except **John Kosmina** and **Atti Abonyi** were poor, yet Shoulder said after the game that he was happy with the performance.

Who was he trying to kid?

Hughes in for shock

New Zealand's national coach Wally Hughes was quoted as saying after Australia's first game against Red Star in Sydney that the Kiwis had nothing to learn and nothing to fear from the Socceroos.

It might have been part of his psychological warfare, but it may backfire on him by building extra determination in the Socceroos.

Let me warn Hughes that the Socceroos are much better and more experienced than New Zealand.

Let me also remind him that we beat New Zealand twice last year — at home and away.

He is kidding himself if he thinks he has nothing to learn from Australia.

Insult to a great

Over the past few weeks some of the most legendary names in soccer have graced our shores.

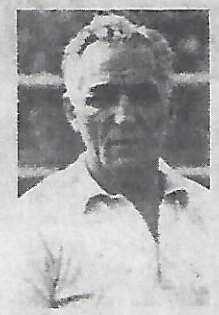
We had **Joe Venglos,** now one of the top men in Czech football; **Rajko Mitic,** former manager of the Yugoslav national team and former player for the Rest of the World; and we had **Gojko Zec,** boss of Red Star and one of the few coaches with a thoroughly modern approach.

What did we learn from these men?

Did we seek out the knowledge of these men who have played and studied all over the world?

Certainly a group of coaches benefited from seminars conducted by Joe Venglos, but what of Mitic and Zec?

Mitic was on the pitch at the Sydney Sports Ground before the Australia v. Red Star game but the announcer either did not recognise him or did not bother to introduce him to the public.



Rajko Mitic — former star player, now vice-president of Red star.

It was like ignoring **Bobby Charlton, Alf Ramsay, Alfredo di Stefano** or **Uwe Seeler.**

Apart from being president of the Yugoslav Coaches Federation, Mitic is also a top journalist with the magazine **"Tempo".**

In this capacity he was taking pictures of the Australian players in Sydney and not one of them knew who he was!

None of the Australian officials bothered to tell them, either.

Chance to see Jim

Let me take this opportunity to publicly welcome **Jimmy Rooney** to my club, Marconi.

Jimmy has signed a three year contract with us and our supporters are waiting impatiently to see him perform for Marconi the way he did for 1976 champions APIA.

The fans will get their first chance to see Rooney in action when Marconi meets Footscray J.U.S.T. at Marconi Oval on February 20.

Buljo must get a go

Reading all the recent comments calling for **Branko Buljevic** to be included in the national squad prompts me to add my opinion.

It is, quite simply, that Buljevic is too young and too good to be left out.

He and **Adrian Alston** were the only Australian players approached by European clubs while we were in West Germany for the 1974 World Cup finals. That speaks for itself.

We have always been short of good left strikers. Buljevic is one of the few good ones we have in this country.

It also helps to have a second striker with aerial ability, so that he can take some of the load off **Peter Ollerton.** Buljevic has great skill in the air.

Buljevic, together with **Abonyi,** is the only forward around who can get rid of an opponent, thus creating a loose man.

He certainly deserves his chance in the national squad.

Defensive flaws, but improvement obvious

Jim Rooney of Australia and Dusan Lukic of Red Star battle for the ball. Picture by KEVIN SCHREIBER.

By TOM ANDERSON

SYDNEY, WEDNESDAY — The Socceroos showed some improvement in their second 1-3 defeat in four days at the hands of Red Star Belgrade at the Sydney Sports Ground.

The Aussies introduced some more physical play into their style and the Yugoslav tourists certainly did not relish it.

After Australia's passive performance the previous Sunday, this aspect of the locals' play was indeed heartening.

Another pleasing aspect was that chances were created by the Socceroos against the tough Red Star defence.

This was mainly caused through the guile of midfielders **Jimmy Rooney** and **Agenor Muniz** and deep-playing striker **Atti Abonyi.**

And if chances are being created, then something is happening and there must be hope for the future.

From the chances that were created, came four glaring misses — from **Peter Ollerton, Atti Abonyi** and **Agenor Muniz.**

All four shots went wide of goal and the opportunities were lost.

But I am sure that this bad shooting will be rectified once the Socceroos get more match practice under their belts.

After Sunday's scorching heat, this game was played in perfect conditions, relished by both teams.

The Australians in particular looked a lot livelier and enthusiastic.

However, there is still much work to be done in the defence where lack of concentration is allowing the opposition to drift clear and grab cheap goals.

Red Star players were not being marked tightly enough in the Socceroo penalty area and were allowed time to control the ball and turn with it.

Against top class opposition such as these Yugoslavs this spells danger with a capital "D"!

One or two of the Australian defenders were also guilty of "ball watching" and at times forgot about the men they should have been marking.

These faults are elementary mistakes and in any good defensive structure should not be allowed to happen.

The Socceroos' best period of this game came in the 20 minutes after the interval when they had Red Star in trouble and back on their heels in defence.

Had goals come during this period, it would have been a whole new ball game.

Red Star opened the scoring in the 37th minute when a free kick on the right from Petar Baralic found galloping full-back Nikola Jovanovic in the clear and the big fellow slotted it home.

The second half completely belonged to the Socceroos, even though Red Star did grab two goals.

These came from substitute **Mile Calasan** who grabbed two for himself within two minutes, midway through the second period.

It was poor marking by Australia rather than good play by the Yugoslavs that allowed these goals.

The Socceroos did get a consolation goal three minutes from the end, when substitute Dave Harding hit a glorious shot that had goal written all over it.

Although this match ended in another reversal for the Aussies, their performance was indeed far superior to that of the opening game on Sunday.

Red Star, back row, from left: Slavoljub Muslin, Zoran Filipovic, Zoran Jelikic, Aleksander Stojanovic, Nikola Jovanovic, Vladislav Bogicevic; Middle row: Branko Radovic, Dusan Savic, Bosko Kajganic, Dusan Lukic, Milan Babic, Gojko Zec (coach); Front row: Petar Baralic, Milos Sestic, Srboljub Stamenkovic, Mile Novkovic, Dusan Nikolic. (Photo by compliments of Yugoslav newspaper "Novosti").

DETAILS

RED STAR BELGRADE 3 (Calasan 2, Jovanovic)
AUSTRALIA 1 (Harding).
Referee — Tim Davies.
Attendance — 9,000.

Players' performances (out of five):

AUSTRALIA: Clarke 3, Harris 3, Wilson 4, Bennett 4, Williams 3, Byrne 3, Muniz 3, Rooney 4, Kosmina 3, Ollerton 3, Abonyi 3.

RED STAR BELGRADE: Kajganic 3, Jovanovic 3, Babic 3, Muslin 4, Radovic 4, Bogicevic 3, Lukic 3, Nikolic 5, Savic 3, Baralic 5, Stamenkovic 3.

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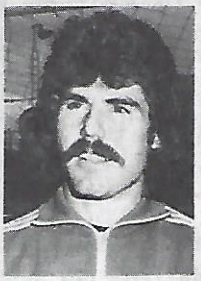

ERNIE FOR SALE

Marconi-Fairfield forward Ernie Campbell (pictured) is on the transfer list after a dispute with the club over his contract.

Campbell, 27, has been capped for Australia 14 times and has scored many vital goals for the national team.

Lions get Tranmere man

Brisbane Lions are believed to have signed Scottish midfielder Tommy Veitch from Tranmere Rovers.

Lions are also confident of signing former Scottish international **Willie Henderson,** currently playing in Hong Kong.

Byrne, Ollerton come good but 'Buljo' ruled out

"There will be no changes to the squad. My players are the best in Australia and we'll qualify for the World Cup finals," said coach Jim Shoulder after the Socceroos had lost 1-3 to Red Star in Melbourne.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Answering a question from the Press, Shoulder said he would definitely use no Victorians apart from **Peter Ollerton** and **Jim Tansey.**

These two were the best players in Victoria, he said.

It means that Shoulder will go ahead with his plan to tackle our World Cup opponents without **Branko Buljevic,** perhaps the finest forward in Australia.

Buljevic was a star in the World Cup team of 1973-74 and his absence from Shoulder's squad remains a mystery.

It's a shame. Alongside Peter Ollerton, who was excellent in the first half, Buljevic would add a lot of variation, skill and surprise to the Australian attack.

The inclusion of Buljevic would e justified even at this late stage of our preparation, but I agree that the remainder of the squad should remain unchanged.

Stability is, after all, a vital element in good performances.

All of the players in the opening line-up proved their worth on Saturday night — including **Gary Byrne** who, to those who had not had the opportunity of seeing him, appeared still a fringe player.

Byrne was masterful and tenacious in the defensive midfield role once filled by the great **Ray Richards.**

He must have learned a lot from Richards, for they are team mates at Marconi Fairfield.

It was Attila Abonyi, however, who emerged as the best of the Australian players at Olympic Park.

Playing an attacking midfield role, he relished the room he was given by Red Star, and delighted in showing off his shrewdness and great skill.

The other outstanding performance was that of Ollerton.

Usually confined to a bustling aerial role, Ollerton this time had the room to run into space, play a few one-twos and show off some of the best passing we have seen from him.

Everything that was good about Australia's play happened in the first half, during which Red Star hung off the ball in defence and rarely tackled.

The Yugoslavs were either a little jaded or confident enough to loaf after having beaten Australia 3-1 in the two games in Sydney.

Of course we must remember that Red Star is not a hard-tackling team.

Its players prefer to drop back and wait for their opponents to lose the ball.

When they attack themselves, they do so with lightning speed to take advantage of the spaces.

If the spaces aren't there, they hold the ball — passing it square or even backwards, waiting for a slip in the opposing defence.

Australia attacks much more slowly. Apart from a couple of one-twos — usually featuring Abonyi and Ollerton — Australia came forward rather laboriously, allowing Red Star to muster a strong defence.

Unlike Red Star, the Socceroos tend to part with the ball even if they are not sure that it will reach its target.

We're talking about a difference in class . . . a difference that will persist for a very long time, no matter what we do with our soccer.

Much has been written about Australia's so-called new, attacking style.

As I see it, you attack when you have the opportunity, and you defend when you must.

This has always been the case, apart from the three matches in the 1974 World Cup finals, when defence was all-important. If the defence seems a little more brittle than it did then, it is because we have not managed to replace **Manfred Schaefer, Col Curran** and **Ray Richards** with men of similar granite-like toughness.

Australia did play attacking soccer in the first half last Saturday — because Red Star presented the space in which to do so.

However, the basic formation from which Australia operated cannot be called an attacking one.

It was a 4-1-3-2 line-up, with Byrne playing as midfield destroyer in front of the back four, Abonyi pulled back into midfield, and full backs **George Harris** and **Harry Williams** doing very little overlapping.

Harris was solid in defence, but he connot provide the attacking drive that **Doug Utjesenovic** usually does.

When Utjesenovic recovers from his leg injury, the Socceroos will once again benefit from his deadly accurate, shoulder-high crosses.

Shoulder once again allowed Red Star's playmaker **Vladislav Bogicevic** to do as he liked on Saturday night.

Bogicevic scored two goals in the first match in Sydney so it was surprising that he was unmarked in Melbourne.

He may not have been at his best, but he still managed to take part in

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DETAILS

AUSTRALIA 1 (Kosmina 57th), RED STAR 3 (Jovanovic 30th, Bogicevic 49th, Lukic 87th).

Teams, with player ratings out of 10:

RED STAR: Kajganic 5; Jovanovic 7, Muslin 6, Radovic 6, Babic 6; Bogicevic 7, Baralic 8, Nikolic 5; Lukic 6, Savic 6, Stamenkovic 6 (Krmpotic 81st).

AUSTRALIA: Clarke 6; Harris 5, Wilson 6, Bennett 5, Williams 5; Byrne 7; Abonyi 8, Muniz 6 (Marocchi 67th), Rooney 6 (Nyskohus 67th); Kosmina 5, Ollerton 7.

Referee: J. Dixon 6.

Attendance: 14,200.

	AUSTRALIA	RED STAR
Shots or headers at goal	10	15
Corner	9	10
Free kicks	11	9

Attila Abonyi, Australia's best player on Saturday, evades a tackle by Milan Babic. Picture by KEVIN SCHREIBER.

John Kosmina, chased by Muslin, lines up the shot that gave Australia its only goal. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

Makedonia boss dies

Preston Makedonia president Tom Banitsiotov (pictured) died suddenly last Thursday morning at his home in Reservoir.

The funeral took place yesterday (Tuesday) at the St. George Macedonian Orthodox church.

Mr Banitsiotox, 40, was entering his second year as Makedonia's president. He was vice-president the previous two years.

He leaves his wife, Jean, and four children, Mary, Melva, Va' and

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Ringwood stars for Barkers?

By LES SHORROCK

For the second week in succession there is only one night's Ampol Cup soccer at Olympic Park, in order to accommodate the Australia v. Israel international on Saturday.

The first game, Polonia v. Ringwood City, is a forecaster's nightmare, as neither team has yet been seen in public.

To add to the confusion, a veil of secrecy hangs over Ringwood's affairs.

Newly-appointed coach **Dick van Alphen** was guarded when I asked him about his team's chances.

"It all depends on the outcome of talks between **Mr van Hoboken,** our president, and **Mr Tom Bailey,** president of Mooroolbark, on Wednesday," he said.

Dick went on to say that since he hadn't been able to see the players in action, he would be using the Ampol Cup as a series of practice matches.

Rumor has it that some Ringwood players may be called on by Mooroolbark for National League duty and if that is the case, Chris Kent, Keith Adams and Dave Garthwaite would certainly fit in that category.

To add to Dick's woes, **Phil Williamson** is unfit and **Brian Thom,** owing to business commitments, is unavailable on Friday nights.

As for Polonia, last year's beaten Dockerty Cup finalists, they were coming on strong at the end of the season, under new coach **John Grimsey,** and their form in practice matches has been encouraging.

Their team will no doubt come from the following squad: Ostrowsky, Dimitriou, Jaworski, Andy Czapnik, Minichelli, Lipiarski, Nierobisz, Horfiniak, Esposito, Herman, Humphreys, Napadowski, Alieri, Peter Czapnik and Stan Klain.

On known form, therefore, Polonia would have to start firm favorites in the first encounter.

The second game sees Essendon Lions come up against Frankston City. Frankston have not yet received their reinforcements and would have to improve 100% on their first week's performance to have a chance of holding rampant Lions.

Lions are confident after their win over Green Gully and I don't think they will find Frankston as hard physically.

Also, in their favor is the fact that **Billy Vojtek** and **Johnny Wallace** will be more at home and **John Gardiner** is back and will play.

It all adds up to formidable opposition for the Bay City Rollers, and **John Pryde** will need to put his thinking cap on to motivate his squad.

After the Polonia v. Ringwood City game, we shall be in a better position to judge the strength of this year's competition, but it is already apparent that the standard is going to be well below last year's.

Even at this stage, I am prepared to stick my neck out and forecast that the semi-finalists will come from George Cross, Essendon Lions, Makedonia, Slavia and Polonia, with George Cross the eventual winners.

Sunshine goalkeeper John Scholten dives desperately, but neither he nor Kaz Piotrowski (right) could prevent this goal — one of six by George Cross. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

6-1, and Cross aims for Cup

Sunshine opened brightly against George Cross as though they meant to put the previous week's defeat behind them, and their supporters were delighted when Ray Pocock marked his return with a typical opportunist goal after five minutes.

George Cross absorbed this set-back though and settled down and it soon became obvious that **Billy Wilkinson** was going to play a big part in the midfield.

In fact, it was he who engineered Georgie's equaliser, hit home by **Paul Murphy,** after 21 minutes. Then, at the 33 minute mark, Wilkinson laid one on a plate for **Peter Ebini** who made no mistake and the Cross went in 2-1 up.

Sunshine substituted **Kieron Coyle** for **Peter Scarlett,** with **Willie Laing** dropping back to left back, and the City held out for another 14 minutes before the roof fell in.

A magnificent through ball from Murphy enabled Ebini to calmly slip the ball past the stranded Scholten to make it 3-1, and then it was a matter of how many.

John Webb picked up a ball on the half-way line, carried it 25 yards, then passed it to Lawler who squared it for **Paul Murphy** to blast home.

The Sunshine defence was in tatters now and Ebini was able to waltz past stand-in full-back Laing and Cross to an unmarked Murphy, who had a free header for his hat-trick.

Two minutes later, Murphy cut back a ball for **Paul Deeming** to crack home a shot just inside the far post.

Mercifully for Sunshine, the whistle ended the slaughter and the crowd left, no doubt wondering what had happened to the once-mighty Cup-fighters, Sunshine.

George Cross supporters were naturally confident before the game, but even they couldn't have envisaged such a score, especially as the same squad, plus **Kokoska** and **Petrov,** had given J.U.S.T., such a fright in last year's semi-final before going down 0-1.

Now, they have conceded more goals in two games than they did in the whole competition last year!

— ADRIAN PLUNKETT

McLachlan hopeful

After a scoreless first half, Hakoah caught Juventus napping two minutes with a good solo effort by Steve Gadsby.

He collected the ball on the half-way line and was allowed to carry it 25 yards unchallenged before driving low past the advancing **Mick Harby.**

After that, the game settled into a pattern which saw Juventus' pretty, short-passing game breaking down against a rugged Hakoah defence which was a springboard for fast, dangerous raids.

Juventus clearly needs more players, particularly forwards, while Hakoah has done well to secure the two players from New Zealand, **Parkin** and **DePlacido.**

After the game, Juve coach **Bobby McLachlan** said: "We can't be too critical of the players we have at present . . . they are giving everything they've got. We are building for the League and I was happy to see **Gerard Bannon** arrive — he looks a typical Bannon".

— DICK PRENDERGAST

RATINGS

GEORGE CROSS 6 (Murphy 3, Ebini 2, Deeming) **SUNSHINE** 1 (Pocock).

Player ratings out of 10:

George Cross: Kastner (6), Cutajar (6), Barron (6), Deeming (6), Maitland (7), Kelly (6), Lawler (6), Wilkinson (8), Murphy (8), Webb (6), Ebini (7), McConville (sub).

Sunshine City: Scholten (4), Scarlett (5), Lewis (6), Dixey (7), Piotrowski (4), McCarthy (7), Mussel (6), McRobert (5), Laing (4), Pocock (5), Cumming (6), Coyle (4).

Referee Blaney (7).

HAKOAH 1 (Gadsley) **JUVENTUS** 0.

Juventus: Harby (4), Bonfieni (5), Barberi (6), Pfisterer (6), Della Rocca (6), Tarquinio (5), Caruso (4), Sanipoli (5), Di Marchi (5), Sabidussi (6), Santangelo (6), Mariani (sub).

Hakoah: O'Hara (6), Parkin (6), Jordanou (7), Gadsby (6), Baker (6), Dosen (7), Nagy (5), Roberts (5), Lukic (6), Blair (7), DePlacido (7), Edmondson (sub).

Referee: Bambridge (8).

Baralic outshone Bogicevic

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most of his team's attacking moves and scored a goal just after half time, slipping a hopeful lob from **Srbolub Stamenkovic** under goalkeeper **Todd Clarke.**

Bogicevic was the darling of the crowd because of his great reputation but it was his fellow midfielder **Petar Baralic** who did Red Star's most valuable work, pushing the ball right and left and spearing it forward for his strikers.

For the first hour, Australia played some of its best soccer.

Ollerton, latching onto a pass from **Jimmy Rooney,** hit the bottom of the post and then Abonyi, sent through by Ollerton, missed from eight metres.

Australia had another scoring chance when goalkeeper **Bosko Kajganic** missed **Agenor Muniz's** corner but full back **Milan Babic** dropped back to clear off the line.

Red Star finally took the lead after half an hour. Goalkeeper Clarke failed to hold a shot by Bogicevic, and with the defence unable to relieve the pressure, Nikola Jovanovic scored from 10 metres.

Then came Bogicevic's goal, before Australia struck back through **John Kosmina** who rammed home a spectacular shot from 25 metres, just inside the post.

Bosko Lukic completed the scoring three minutes from the end, shooting wide of Clarke after a dashing solo run.

Israel will present Australia with a different sort of challenge on Saturday.

The Israelis will defend doggedly, tackle fiercely and give Australia little room in which to play.

Australia must win fairly convincingly to create some sort of optimism about our World Cup chances.

Certainly we will beat New Zealand and Taiwan in the first qualifying series next month — but the second stage presents the ominous possibility of having to meet not just Israel, but also Iran, Kuwait and Malaysia.

P.S.: A personal note to the Red Star players: We hope you like the Sherbet record we gave Dusan Savic.

Savic and some of the others visited the "Soccer Action" office last week and were so impressed with the pop music on our radio that we presented them with the record. Happy listening, fellows.

How they stand

League Tables to date

SECTION A

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Slavia	1	1	0	3	0	2
Lions	1	1	0	1	0	2
Green Gully	1	0	1	0	1	0
Frankston	1	0	1	0	3	0
Polonia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ringwood	0	0	0	0	0	0

SECTION B

	W	D	L	F	A	P
George Cross	2	2	0	7	1	4
Makedonia	1	1	0	2	0	2
Hakoah	1	1	0	1	0	2
Altona	1	0	1	0	1	0
Juventus	1	0	1	0	1	0
Juventus	1	1	1	0	1	0
Sunshine	2	0	2	1	6	0

VOTING

Ampol Cup voting details:

Hakoah v. Juventus. Referee's vote. Stewart Blair; Dick Prendergast's vote to Anton Dosen.

George Cross v. Sunshine City: Referee's vote to Billy Wilkinson, Adrian Plunkett's vote to Billy Wilkinson.

HELLAS MEETS LANGWARRIN

South Melbourne Hellas will meet Langwarrin in a David v. Goliath match on February 19.

The Hellas team is likely to feature newcomers Ian Gibson from Alexander, Billy Rogers from APIA and Jack Reilly from Alexander.

The match is part of a deal made when Hellas bought reserve player Graham Williams from Langwarrin, which plays in the Provisional League First Division.

The game will be at Langwarrin's ground in Barrett's Road, Langwarrin. Admission is $1 a car.

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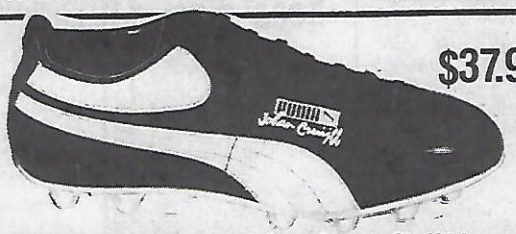

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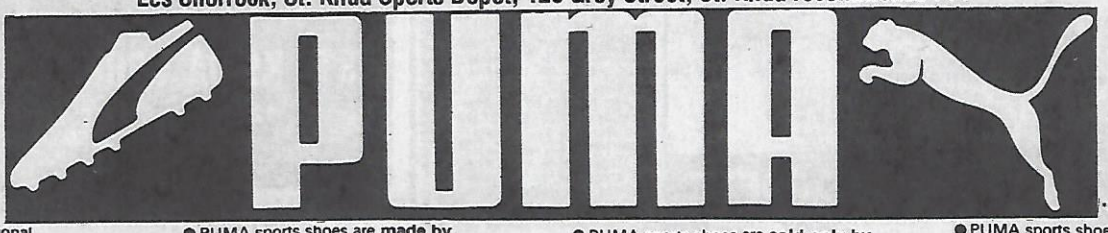

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Let's confine action to the field!

Croatia meets Yugal Prague at Lambert Park on Sunday — and what a battle it should be. Let's hope all the action is confined to the playing field!

Both teams are going like houses on fire in this series.

Although Yugal-Prague have an impressive record they look to be a shade behind their arch-rivals Croatia.

And it could be that Croatia's little bit of extra class will take them through.

However it will be close!

Tip — Croatia.

MANLY v CANTERBURY
Sunday — Lambert Park

You pay your money and you take your pick!

This clash could go either way with little or nothing between the teams.

The deciding crunch could lie with the Canterbury strikers Terry Thompson and Larry Armytage.

Tip — Canterbury.

GRANVILLE v APIA
Wednesday — Sydney Sports Ground

Well, these two teams had better make the most of playing on the excellent turf of the Sports Ground.

Because the way they are performing these days they will not grace the arena very often this season!

Granville's tenacity and enthusiasm should just about win the day for them against a very poor Apia team.

Tip — Granville.

SUTHERLAND v AVALA
Wednesday — Sydney Sports Ground

Old favorites John Watkiss and Ron Corry, now with Sutherland, will no doubt have happy memories of this place.

For both of them had their share of the big time with the Socceroos here.

However, times have changed and this clash will be no classic!

Tip — draw.

ARNCLIFFE SCOTS v BANKSTOWN
Friday — Garside Park

Neither of these two teams will be challenging for honors this year and are in the process of team building.

Because of this their form can be described as only patchy.

However they are trying hard to get there and this is the main thing.

Tip — draw.

AUBURN v WOLLONGONG
Friday — Garside Park

Another two struggling teams that have player problems.

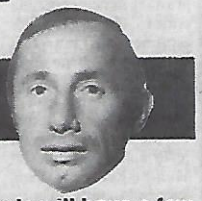
Both need at least two good players to make them tick but at the moment, for a Federation club to find these players is like looking for a needle in a haystack!

The skill of Auburn's former Hakoah player Andy Tracey could sway the issue here.

Tip — Auburn.

NIGHTMARE FOR WOODS, ABONYI SPURS CROATIA

BY TOM ANDERSON



Young Manly goalkeeper Clark Woods will have a few sleepless nights over his game at Lambert Park last Sunday, for it was a tragic error by this youngster that gave Yugal Prague the game on a plate!

In the 40th minute a harmless looking ball floated into the Manly goal area and although challenged by a Yugal player, Woods had all the time to catch or clear the ball.

Instead, he palmed it softly down to the feet of Yugal Prague striker **Branko Karanfilovski.**

Karanfilovski thanked Woods for the present and coolly planted the ball into the back of the net for the goal that mattered!

Although this was a game that never reached any great heights, there were one or two reasonable patches of clever football — despite the snail's pace!

The Yugal Prague players did not seem all that concerned about the opposition and could have paid the penalty for their foolishness.

Manly fought hard and deserved at least a draw.

Although no superstars, they showed up quite well in midfield, led by player-coach **Roger Hoy.**

Yugal Prague are now in the happy position of being undefeated but a bit more effort is needed if they are to remain in this aloof situation!

SCORERS: Yugal Prague — Karanfilovski. Attendance — 1,000.

CANTERBURY 2 WOLLONGONG 1 at Garside Park.

One of the most promising young players seen in Sydney for quite a long time!

This is the only way to describe talented young Wollongong goalkeeper **Peter Terziovski.**

Playing his first game in senior ranks, 16-year-old Terziovski handled the situation like a veteran and was easily the best player afield.

His handling, positional sense and reflexes were flawless and if he continues along these lines then much more is going to be heard of young Terziovski.

Wollongong, with a $9000 cheque from the transfer of star striker **Phil O'Connor** who joined St. George, have nobody to replace O'Connor and this is going to give them a great headache in weeks to come.

Unless they find someone to slot the goals away, then it is going to be a long hard season.

The opening goal of this game came in the 26th minute when Canterbury striker **Mike Nezaritis** scored from a **Greg Brown** cross.

Canterbury grabbed control of the game from this moment on and the only real barrier was young Terziovski.

But the South Coasters fought back and a minute after the interval were back on even terms through a fine goal by **Alan Thompson.**

Thompson ran through from midfield and beat three opponents on the way.

He then unleashed a hard left foot drive from 30 metres that sailed into the top of the Canterbury net.

But Canterbury were not to be outdone and the winner came from their midfielder **Jim Zeros** in the 74th minute.

Scorers: Canterbury — Nezaritis, Zeros; Wollongong — Thompson. Attendance — 2454.

APIA 3 ARNCLIFFE SCOTS 1. at Lambert Park.

It wasn't that Apia were brilliant in this clash but that the opposition was poor.

Last season's Apia side would have rattled up double figures against an Arncliffe side that is still playing Second Division football.

The tragedy of this game was that Apia's former Wests striker **David Jack** received a badly gashed head injury midway through the second half.

Young Jack has been plagued with injuries over the past year and just when he looked like getting back to his best, this had to happen.

Jack, in fact, opened the scoring for Apia in the 20th minute and Arncliffe equalised through **Alan Bankhead** in the 64th minute.

It was not until the 70th minute that Apia regained their lead when **Bob Goose** netted.

Their third goal came in the 78th minute when **Ross Mariana** scored from close in.

But don't let this win fool you. Apia are still only a pale shadow of their former self.

There is nobody with authority to take charge in the middle of the field and control the game for the Leichhardt team and no doubt the Apia supporters would sell the local town hall clock to have **Jimmy Rooney** with them again!

Arncliffe are just not top class material and are in for an unhappy season!

Scorers: Apia — Jack, Goose, Mariana; Arncliffe — Bankhead. Attendance — 1000.

CROATIA 2 AUBURN 0, at Garside Park.

Socceroo striker **Atti Abonyi** stepped straight off the plane from Melbourne at Sydney Airport on Sunday and went on to help himself to a fine goal for his new club.

On the night before Abonyi had played in the hard clash against Red Star Belgrade at Olympic Park, Melbourne.

But like good wine that matures with age, this did not deter Abonyi, who is "half" of Croatia's team!

Abonyi is playing some of the best football of his career both for Australia and Croatia and his loss to the Philips Soccer League is a calamity.

Croatia, apart from the brilliant Abonyi, looked a very ordinary team in this game despite their two goal win.

Some of the players in this Croatia team are beginning to think they are a cut above other players in the competition.

And instead of making it happen on the field they are expecting it to happen by itself. Boy, are they in for a shock!

Mind you, the return of fine Scottish defender **Alex McMillan** to the Auburn defence did not help Croatia any.

McMillan stood out like a beacon and is being wasted in this team.

After Auburn's stopper **Kevin Dobson** had to leave the field injured, Croatia opened the scoring through **Steve Blackburn** in the 30th minute.

Abonyi grabbed his goal in typical Abonyi fashion in the 84th minute and the game was won and lost.

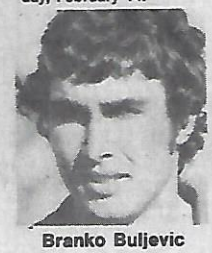
Scorers: Croatia — Blackburn, Abonyi. Attendance — 2454.

POSTPONED

The Ampol Cup games Sutherland v. Bankstown and Granville v. Avala, scheduled for last Friday night at Garside Park, were postponed because of bad weather.

A freak storm hit Sydney on Friday morning and the ground was considered unplayable.

The games will be played at Garside Park on Monday, February 14.



Branko Buljevic

Jim Rooney

J.U.S.T. v. Marconi game in Sydney

National League clubs Footscray J.U.S.T. and Marconi will clash at Marconi Oval on Sunday, February 20 at 4 pm.

The match will give Marconi fans their first chance to see star recruit Jimmy Rooney in his new colors.

The international midfielder transferred recently from APIA for about $7000.

J.U.S.T. coached in 1969 by Marconi coach **Rale Rasic,** will bring to Sydney its star Scottish recruit **Jim Milne** from Arbroath.

The team will also feature its regular stars **Branko Buljevic, Mendo Ristovski, Joe Palinkas, Jim Kondarios, Jim Kriaris, Alan Parrott** and the rest.

However, there is doubt about the future of captain Frank Micic.

Micic, or "Mr J.U.S.T.", is apparently not sure whether he wants to play on for yet another season.

It is understood he has been offered several coaching jobs but J.U.S.T. is trying hard to make him stay.

A return match between J.U.S.T. and Marconi will be

STANDINGS

GROUP A

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	1	1	—	3	1	25
GRANVILLE	1	—	—	4	1	19
AVALA	1	—	—	3	2	18
SUTHERLAND	—	1	—	—	—	7
ARNCLIFFE	—	—	2	2	7	2
BANKSTOWN	—	—	1	2	3	2

GROUP B

	W	D	L	F	A	P
CROATIA	2	—	—	6	3	36
YUGAL	2	—	—	5	1	35
CANTERBURY	1	—	1	3	5	18
MANLY	1	—	1	1	1	16
WOLL. CITY	—	—	2	4	6	4

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RESCUE AT ST KILDA!

After the enormous response received by this paper following any article on advice to the soccer fraternity, I find that the time is ripe for another discourse a la Dorothy Dix.

With the advent of the Israeli visit, I must make it known that all of Australia is to be on its toes and in utmost control of its faculties.

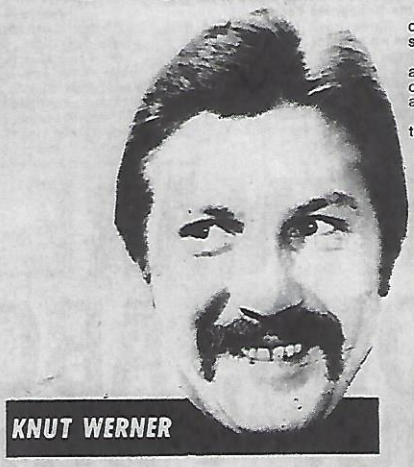
It is not so much the Israelis themselves we must fear, but Hollywood.

Why Hollywood? Well you might ask.

Having just received my hourly postcard from the King of Scotland, President of Uganda and the Dux of Kindergarden, **Idi Amin,** I can see the danger of appearing foolish in the eyes of the world.

It is a well-known fact that no matter where an **Israeli** team cares to visit, the echelon of Hollywood super-stars stands by to produce a movie of the event.

It is bad enough that the Australian Press might report a misdemeanour of behaviour by the Australian public for all to see. However, to have



KNUT WERNER

Kirk Douglas dramatising the situation in the movie-houses of the world is something else.

I will give you an example.

Let us suppose that the Israelis are travelling to one of their matches or perhaps a reception somewhere.

That particular afternoon the tramway employees decide to go on a lightning strike, stranding the visitors somewhere in Melbourne.

So what, you ask? This often happens to the people of this city.

But now, in this situation, the Jewish community decides to organise a motor cavalcade to rescue said stranded persons.

So what is so unusual about that, you say? A commendable act if anything, you say.

Ahah! Now this is where the problem starts.

Within 30 minutes Paramount Productions arrive at Tullamarine Airport and within two weeks every drive-in in the world, every picture theatre in the world will carry the banner:

"Rod Steiger, Barbra Streisand and Tony Curtis in RESCUE AT ST. KILDA.

"The gripping story of how, against all odds, this band of specially trained drivers rushed 20 miles across the 4 o'clock Melbourne rush hour to rescue the captive Israeli eleven, held hostage in a deserted St. Kilda tram.

"See how they battled Melbourne's nefarious intersections.

"How the Victorian coppers tried to bring them to a standstill at the corner of Spencer and Flinders.

"How they landed the held Israeli eleven at Olympic Park to the cheers of the 20,000 who had gathered there for their arrival.

"The tears of joy wept as loved ones and total strangers discovered that their three-dollar entry fee had not gone to waste.

"Yes folks one of the world's great escape stories. Called Operation Taxi-Fare, it shows how the brave Jewish lads of the Motor Cavalcade fight against the great odds of the Tramway Employee's Union, and bring the Israeli eleven to safety with the loss of only one man to the traffic patrol.

"How fearless that one lost comrade showed himself when he said to his captors: I'm not paying that fine:

"How unyielding the philosophy of the Jewish Cavalcade Leader when he said: 'We're not paying that fine either. We do not capitulate to terrorists.'

So, good people of Australia, you see we must handle this visit with the utmost diplomacy and intelligence.

We cannot allow ourselves to be ridiculed by sons of Louis B. Mayer, **Kirk Douglas** and the stand-by Hollywood production unit which has been running out of ideas since the unfortunate demise of WW2."

Kirk Douglas

Rod Steiger

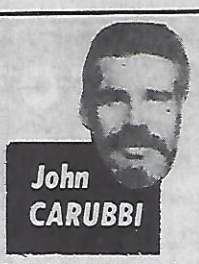
Barbra Streisand

Melbourne, 8 febbraio

Premesso che Shoulder si era portati in panchina solo tre giocatori (e non poteva fare di più, numericamente parlando) e che i tre erano due centrocampisti ed un libero (giovani), ed aggiunto che, vista la maiuscola prova di Wilson come battitore d'area, bisogno impellente di «provare» Tansey non ve n'era, naturale è stata la sostituzione di Rooney e Muniz con Marocchi e Nyskhaus nella ripresa. E fin qui l'operato del tecnico inglese non presta il fianco ad alcuna critica. Dove Shoulder (certamente più bravo dei suoi predecessori e denigratori) ha da essere censurato è nella testardaggine in cui indulge nel volersi servire ad ogni costo a centro campo di Muniz e Rooney assieme ottenendo come solo risultato di ritardare ancora di più la manovra di rifornimento delle punte (che, nel match contro gli slavi di Belgrado, hanno dimostrato di essere acuminate abbastanza).

Sabato sera infatti si è vista sull'acquitrinoso terreno dell'Olympic Park una buona nazionale aussie: rigidamente impostata in difesa, con un Bennett assolutamente maiuscolo come stopper, un Wilson grande nella scelta di tempo per l'intervento a chiudere la occasionale smagliatura difensiva, e due terzini d'ala anche buoni. Meno, Williams dell'altro, fino a quando ha capito che i suoi inserimenti in attacco andavano fatti nel contesto dell'azione offensiva in maniera coordinata a completare la catena di passaggi atti a mandare la palla verso il fondo della rete «nemica».

Peró è del centrocampo australiano che voglio occuparmi e ritorno perció a Byrne, Rooney e Muniz.



John CARUBBI

I tre hanno spaccato la squadra in due tronconi: uno, davanti, tanto potente nelle possibilità di andare a bersaglio quanto affamato di «servizi» decentemente tempestivi e nutriti; l'altro, assolutamente splendido nella interpretazione (non ciecamente difensivistica) della salvaguardia della propria area di porta.

Ed occupandomi del centrocampo verdeoro sparo a zero sul difetto principale dei tre «mediani» australiani: uno, il Rooney è ormai avanti con gli anni e, dovendo giocare da troppo in Australia, ha perduto la caratteristica tipica del calciatore di scuola anglosassone, cioè la capacitá di giocare a scatti brevi e brucianti, caratteristica che il peraltro bravo «interno» di spola ha dovuto per forza abdicare e dimenticare non trovandosi a giocare qui da noi tra compagni di squadra che «parlassero» la stessa lingua calcistica.

L'altro, il Muniz, per sua stessa formazione «pedatoria», («brasilera» se non erro), è portato a far melina, e, troppa melina impastoia la squadra in un immobilismo di metá campo che mai sfocia in folate offensive.

Fuori due, rimane il terzo: quel Byrne di cui si dice un gran bene a Sydney e che pare abbia i numeri per movimentare la zona mediana dell'undici nazionale australiano, accorciare (considerevolmente) i tempi di impostazione dell'azione offensiva e consentire a Kosmina e soci di esplodere le loro prodigiose «ciabattate», capaci di gonfiare le reti avversarie come se uno squalo vi ci andasse ad infilare a muso duro.

Praticamente e se i vari esperti di cose calcistiche, (esperti prosperanti in Australia) me lo permettono, dopo aver ribadito della felicitá della scelta di Shoulder a «coach» della nazionale australiana, da parte della Federazione, allo stesso C.T. aussie consiglierei di trovare (perchè ci sono) almeno due centro campisti più guizzanti, ed impostarli in mediana con Byrne o con Abony, o (perchè no?) con lo stesso Muniz.

Riassumendo, amici lettori, quello che si è visto sabato scorso a Melbourne è stata una ottima nazionale australiana che mancava peró di «verve» a centro campo, «pensava» troppo nei componenti della sua linea mediana e mancava della rapiditá di collegamenti a scatti brevi e guizzanti necessari a liberare le «punte», a smaltire la pressione che si puó determinare in seguito al controllo del centro campo da parte degli avversari, controllo che è necessario sapere e poter svellere dai piedi degli antagonisti spesso e volentieri.

Soprattutto quello che manca ancora all'Australia è un ben orchestrato «gioco corto» tra centrocampisti e punte, gioco fatto di scambi rapidi ed armonizzati, frutto di interminabili sessioni alla lavagna, e soprattutto sul campo.

Dopo di che, con buona pace dei fautori delle barricate ad oltranza (e si badi che sono difensivista per convinzione) l'Australia potrá incominciare a guardare fiduciosamente al futuro specialmente se si libererá a livello dirigenziale e tecnico di «faraoni» o «matusalemme» calcistici che il «soccer» lo vedono ancora con gli occhi dei nonni, o peggio ancora con gli occhi dei copiatori di professione, senza il briciolo di una ideuzza nella «crapa».

A team of defenders

Alexander's new goalkeeper, Irish International, Roddy McKenzie, arrives on Tuesday bringing with him his Clydebank team-mate, Bob Provan, a centre-half.

Since it is rumored that another centre-half is also on the way, Provan might be staggered to find amongst his new team-mates, no fewer than six other centre-backs!

They are **Pat Bannon**, now appointed captain, **Alex Nelson, John Taylor, Mike Glykokalamos, Jim Tansey,** and **Jim O'Reilly**. Admittedly, John Taylor has now been put on the transfer list.

Aussie Rules v. Soccer

Albion Leyland (Rovers) goes up against Sunshine Football Club at Skinners Reserve, Sunshine on February 20, with both sides playing one half of Aussie Rules and one of soccer.

"We will kill them", says **Harold Martin** (coach of Sunshine).

"Soccer is such a creampuff game, they will be so scared we'll be able to score at random," he added.

Women's soccer

Results of Victorian Women's Soccer Association five-a-side tournament:

Dandenong 0, Green Gully 7; RMIT 3, Melton 9; Greensborough 9, Green Gully 3; Broadmeadows 3, Springvale 2; Broadmeadows 1, Doveton 7; Waverley 2, Springvale 3; Dandenong 3, Doveton 5; RMIT 0, Waverley 14.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doveton	2	0	0	12	4	4
Waverley	1	0	1	16	3	2
Melton	1	0	0	9	3	2
G'boro	1	0	0	9	3	2
G. Gully	1	0	1	10	9	2
Springvale	1	0	1	5	5	2
B'meadows	1	0	1	4	9	2
Dandenong	0	0	2	3	12	0
RMIT	0	0	2	3	23	0

Bayern wins

Results of first West German First Division games: Bayern Munich 1, Hertha Berlin 0, FC Saarbruecken 2, FC Kaiserslautern 2, Tennis Borussia Berlin 0, Eintracht Brunswick 0, Karlsruhe Sc 3, Wer

Results of first West German First Division games: Bayern Munich 1 Hertha Berlin 0, Fc Saarbruecken 2 Fc Kaiserslautern 2, Tennis Borussia Berlin 0 Eintracht Brunswick 0, Karlsruhe Sc 3 Werder Bremen 1, MSV Duisburg 0 VFL Bochum 0, Schalke 04 Eintracht Frankfurt 1, Hamburg SV 5 Rot'Weiss Essen 3, FC Cologne 2 Fortuna Duesseldorf 2.

The match between league leaders Borussia Moenchengladbach and Borussia Dortmund was postponed because the pitch was waterlogged.

Mooroolbark dance

Mooroolbark United social committee will have a pre-season supper dance on Saturday, February 19 at Pembroke High School, Mooroolbark, starting at 7.30 pm.

Tickets are available at the Mooroolbark club rooms on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, or by contacting Ray Sanders (736 2132), Jill Lord (726 0049) or Bob Ashworth (726 6028).

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Draw, and it's off to Mexico

Referee Ferdinand Marschall asserts his authority over Johnny Warren (left) and Israel's David Primo during the tense World Cup match in Sydney in 1969. Having beaten Australia 1-0 in Tel Aviv, the 1-1 draw in Sydney was enough to put Israel into the World Cup finals in Mexico.

ISRAEL IS AHEAD AFTER 8 GAMES

Australia's matches against Israel at Olympic Park, Melbourne, on Saturday night and in Sydney on Wednesday night, gives the Socceroos the opportunity of getting "out of the red".

Australia has met Israel eight times for a record of two wins, three draws, three losses, eight goals scored and 10 goals conceded.

The results and goalscorers of the matches have been:

1969 (World Cup elimination, Tel Aviv): Israel 1 (Spiegel) Australia 0.

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1970 (Tel Aviv): Australia 1 (Richards).

1971 (Brisbane): Australia 2 (Tolson, Alston) Israel 2 (Kalderon, Spiegler).

1971 (Sydney): Australia 1 (Ainslie) Israel 0.

1971 (Melbourne): Australia 1 (Baartz) Israel 3 (Shaarabani 2, Rozen).

1974 (Tel Aviv): Israel 2 (Feigenbaum 2) Australia 1 (Mackay).

1976 (Tel Aviv): Israel 1 (Malmillan) Australia 1 (Williams).

Israel demonstrated its slight superiority over Australia most clearly during the three-match series of 1971 and the match in Tel Aviv in 1974.

In 1971 Israel fought back after drawing 2-2 and losing 0-1 to win the last match 3-1 in Melbourne.

In 1974, Israel defeated Australia's World Cup team on its way to West Germany.

The 1971 series was memorable because it was the last which **Frank Micic** played for Australia and because it featured striker **Adrian Alston** at left back, of all positions!

The Australian squad for 1971 three-match series has:

Reilly, Romanowicz, Harris, Wilson, Richards, Alston, B. Nyskohus, Mackay, Rooney, Baartz, Marshall, Vojtek, Tolson, Ainslie, Campbell, Turner, Butler, Micic, Rorke.

Israel's squad: Vissoker, Bar, Bello, Nenio, Rosen, Schwager, Feigenbaum, Spiegler, Shaarabeni, Rozendorn, Borba, Calderon, Gal, Halifa, Schum, Bejerano.

We may meet in World Cup

Mordechai Spiegler, Israel's midfield general.

Israel's long-serving goalkeeper Itzhak Vissoker.

Australia and Israel may meet in World Cup elimination matches this year if both win their preliminary group.

Australia must beat Taiwan and New Zealand in the Oceania Group to Advance to a play-off series against the winners of the four Asian Groups.

The groups comprise:
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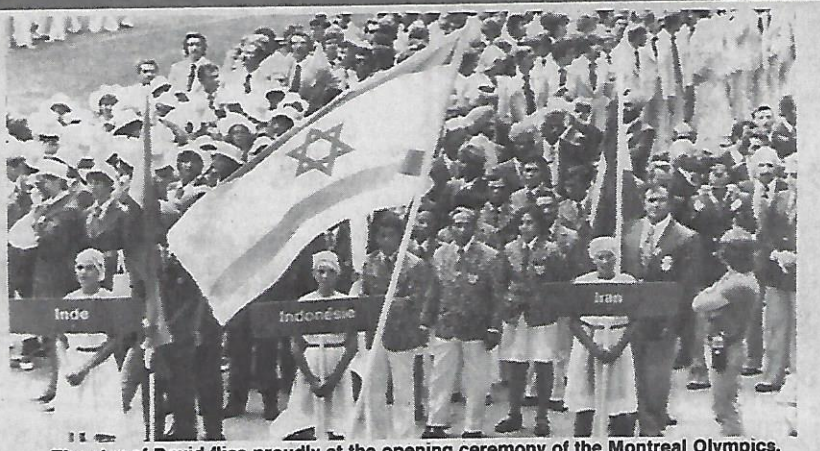

The star of David flies proudly at the opening ceremony of the Montreal Olympics. Israel reached the quarter finals of the soccer tournament.

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Details:
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Israel: Vissoker, Lev, Oz, Ba Peretz, Shum (Cohen 85th.), Damti, Nimni (Gal 30th.), Ben Dor.
Guatemala: Piccinini, Gomez, M Wellman, Rivera, Hurtarte, Bolanc roso, Benjamin (Fion 63rd.), Morale (Sandoval 45th.), Sanchez.
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Mexico: Regalado, Marquez Viveros, Lopezmalo, De la Ro (Naverrete 16th.), Caballero, Sanchez, Cosio (Toribio 45th.).
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Riva and Rivera kept out!

Legendary Italians Gianni Rivera (above left) and Luigi Riva (above). Riva could make no impression on the Israeli defence during their World Cup match in Mexico. Rivera came on in the second half but couldn't get a goal either. That left the game scoreless — a magnificent achievement for the underdog Israelis.

Israel did better in its only appearance in the World Cup finals than Australia did.

Israel qualified for the 1970 finals in Mexico City and Australia took part in West Germany in 1974.

In their three finals matches, the Israelis drew with Sweden 1-1 and with Italy 0-0 and lost 0-2 to Uruguay. Not even Italy's **Riva** or **Rivera** could crack the Israels defence!

Australia's 1974 results were: 0-2 v East Germany, 0-3 v West Germany and 0-0 v Chile.

To qualify for the 1970 finals, Israel beat New Zealand 4-0 at home and 2-0 away, then beat Australia 1-0 at home and drew 1-1 away.

Details about Israel's three World Cup finals matches in 1970:

URUGUAY 2 (Mujica, Maneiro) ISRAEL 0.

Uruguay: Mazurkiewicz, Ubinas, Ancheta, Matosas, Mujica, Montero Castillo, Rocha (Rocha (Cortez 12th min), Maneiro, Cubilla, Esperrago, Losada.

Israel: Vissoker, Schwager, Rozen, Rosenthal, Primo, Spiegel, Shum, Rom (Vollach 57th.), Spiegler, Talbi (Bar 46th.), Feigenbaum.

SWEDEN 1 (Turesson) ISRAEL 1 (Spiegler).

Sweden: S. G. Larsson, Selander, Axelsson, Olsson, Grip, B. Larsson, Nordahl, Svensson, Turesson, Kindvall, Persson (Palsson 75th.)

Israel: Vissoker, Schwager, Rozen, Rosenthal, Primo, Bello, Spiegel, Spiegler, Shum, Feigenbaum (Rom 46th.), Bar.

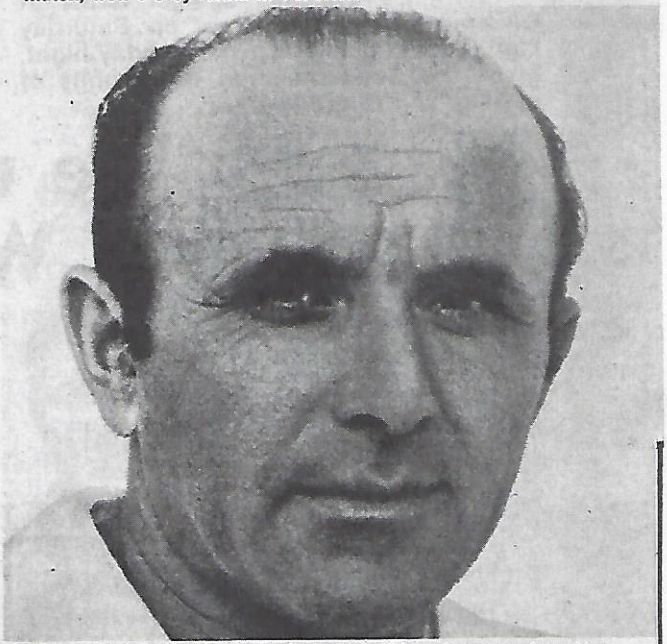
ITALY 0 ISRAEL 0.

Italy: Albertosi, Burgnich, Cera, Rosato, Facchetti, De Sisti, Domenghini (Rivera 46th.), Mazzola, Bertini, Boninsegna, Riva.

Final standings of the group (Group Two):

ISRAEL DREW WITH ITALY

John Watkiss (centre), tussles with Giora Spiegel in the 1969 World C match, won 1-0 by Israel in Tel Aviv.



Emanuel Schaffer, long-serving coach of Israel, now replaced by David Schwitzer.

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Israel: Vissoker, Bar, Shani, Peretz, Shum, Leventhal, Tourk, Damti, Nimni, Cohen, Ben Dor.

France: Larrieu, Battiston, Chazottes, Pottier, Stassievitch, Fernandez, Platini, Rubio, Amisse, Rouyer, Schaer.

Group standings (Group B):

	W	D	L	F	A	P
France	2	1	0	9	3	5
Israel	0	3	0	3	3	3
Guatemala	0	2	1	2	5	2
Mexico	0	2	1	4	7	2

Second round (quarter-finals):

BRAZIL 4 (Jerbas 2, Erivelto, Junior) ISRAEL 1 (Peretz).

Brazil: Carlos (Ze Carlos 77th), Tecao, Edinho, Junior, Alberto, Chico Fraga, Batista, Jarbas (Eudes 74th.), Erivelto, Santos, Mauro.

Israel: Vissoker, Oz, Bar (Nachness 52nd.), Shani (Tourk 26th), Peretz, Shum, Leventhal, Damti, Nimni, Cohen, Ben Dor.

Among the big boys now

The Israel-Australia matches will bring back memories for Socceroo forward Murray Barnes of Hakoah — Sydney.

Barnes (pictured) will remember the all-important World Cup clash between the two countries at the Sydney Sports Ground in 1969.

He played in the curtain-raiser for NSW under 16s against Northern NSW under 16s.

The teams for the 1-1 World Cup draw between Israel and Australia in Sydney in 1969 were:

AUSTRALIA: Corry; Keith, Schaefer, Marnoch, Ackerley; Walsh, Watkiss, Baartz; Abonyi, Warren, Vojtek (Rutherford).

ISRAEL: Vissoker; Bar, Rozen, Rosenthal, Bello; Primo, Spiegel, Spiegler; Vollach, Feigenbaum, Shum.

This dramatic confrontation between Israel's Yeshayhue Schwager and Australian referee Tony Boskovic at the Sydney Sports Ground leaves little to the imagination. Schwager was unhappy about the incident in which Australia's tough striker Max Tolson (foreground) clashed with goalkeeper Itzhak Vissoker (also on ground). Australia won the match 1-0, through a long-range goal by Alan Ainslie. It was part of a three-match series in 1971.

THEY MADE ISRAELIS SHUDDER

Manfred Schaefer, Jimmy Mackay and Billy Vojtek are the men who have been most feared by Israel in internationals against Australia.

Schaefer was the best man afield in three clashes with the Israelis — the World Cup games in Tel Aviv and Sydney in 1969 and the international in Tel Aviv in 1970.

"Soccer Action" editor **Laurie Schwab** wrote in the daly Press after Australia's 1-1 draw with Israel in Sydney in 1969:.

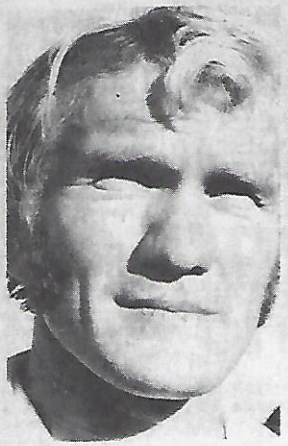
"The man of the match was Manfred Schaefer. If Australia had 10 Schaefers it would be almost invincible. The iron man was the team's motor. He had his foot in everything."

The 1970 game in Tel Aviv belonged not only to Schaefer but also to **Billy Vojtek** who, playing in an unaccustomed midfield role, proved an inspiration to his team mates.

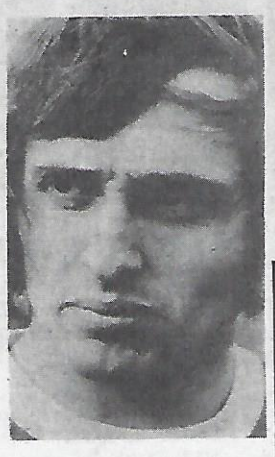
Vojtek was prominent also in the 2-2 draw in Brisbane in 1971. Many rated that performance as his best ever.

Mackay was another hero of the three-match series of 1971. He was at his best in the second match, won 1-0 by Australia in Sydney.

Jimmy Mackay



Manfred Schaefer



Billy Vojtek

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North Korea quits

News that North Korea had withdrawn from the Asian Group Two World Cup qualifying group arrived just as "Soccer Action" went to Press.

This leaves only Israel, Japan and South Korea in the group and gives Israel an excellent chance of advancing to the next round.

North Korea withdrew because it refused to play against Israel for political reasons.

Israel's first qualifying match will be against South Korea at the Pamat Gam national stadium in Israel on February 27.

More late news indicates that Israel is trying to get a release for Giora Siegel from his club Lyon in France, so he can play in the World Cup matches.

AUSTRALIA'S LINE-UP

Australia's line-up against Israel in Melbourne on Saturday and Sydney on Wednesday:

TODD CLARKE, goalkeeper, Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs. 13 caps. Was playing in Adelaide when chosen for the 1975 USSR series by then coach Brian Green. Before that played for Australia under 23.

GEORGE HARRIS, right back, St. George. 14 caps, product of St. George juniors, standing in at right back for his brother-in-law Doug Utjesanovic, who was injured during the Socceroos' world tour late last year.

PETER WILSON, (captain), centre back, Western Suburbs. 48 caps. Chosen by Rale Rasic for 1970 world tour and succeeded Johnny Warren as national captain. Previously played for Safeway United (Wollongong) and Marconi.

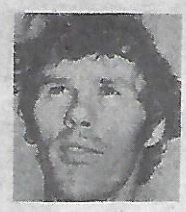
COL BENNETT, centre back, Brisbane City. 13 caps. Came into the squad for the Legia Warsaw matches as the replacement for Manfred Schaefer. Played in APIA's championship team last year, after being bought from Sutherland.

HARRY WILLIAMS, left back, St. George, nine caps. Made international debut on 1970 world tour but later yielded his place to Bobby Hogg and then Col Curran who both suffered serious leg injuries.

ATTILA ABONYI, forward, or midfield South Sydney Croatia. 48 caps. One of the legendary stars of Australian soccer, he has represented Australia since the Asian tour of 1967 and is our leading goalscorer. Started with Melbourne before joining St George and now Croatia.

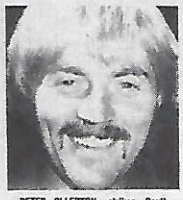
ABENOR MUNIZ, midfield, Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs. 12 caps. Brazilian-born, joined Hakoah in 1971 with fellow Brazilian Hilton Silva. Played for Pan Hellenic on loan for a season before returning to Hakoah.

GARY BYRNE, midfield, Marconi-Fairfield. 11 caps. Born in England, but played junior soccer here for Marconi. Took time to become a senior team player and, in fact, was loaned out by Marconi for a year.



JIMMY ROONEY, midfield, Marconi-Fairfield. 32 caps. Born in Dundee, Scotland. Came to Australia 1968 to join Lions in Melbourne and won Argus Medal as the league's best player 1969. Joined Prague 1970 and APIA 1971.

JOHN KOSMINA, forward, Polonia Adelaide, five caps. Was a member of the national under 23 squad before being included in the national B squad by Brian Green and then the full national team. He was one of the successes of the European and Asian tour last season.



PETER OLLERTON, striker, South Melbourne Hellas. 17 caps. Came to Melbourne from England in 1971 to join Ringwood Wilhelmina. Later switched to APIA where he twice topped the NSW scorers' list. Returned to Melbourne early last year to join Hellas.

Squad is based on Olympians

At the time we went to press, no details were available about the Israeli squad which will travel to Australia.

However, it is almost certain the squad will be based on Israel's 1976 Olympic squad, which was:

Itzhak Vissoker, 32.
Abraham Lev, 28.
Yaron Oz, 24.
Haim Bar, 22.
Moshe Shani, 22.
Itzak Peretz, 24.
Itzhak Shum, 28.
Elimeleh Leventhal, 23.
Rifaat Tourk, 22.
Gideon Damti, 25.
Josef Sorynow, 30.
Meir Nimni, 28.
Oded Nachness, 20.
Abraham Cohen, 20.
Joshoua Gal, 25.
Ehud Ben-Tovin, 24.
Alon Ben-Dor, 24.

When Australia last met Israel, in Tel Aviv, last November, Israel's line-up was:

Sorinov, Bar, Avi Cohen, Primo, Nimni, Oz, Schweitzer, Malmillian, Spiegler, Damti.

Therefore, the players Primo, Schweitzer, Malmillian, Avi Cohen and of course Spiegler, must be added to the list of possible tourists.

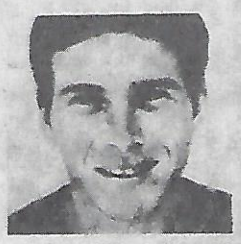
Mordechai Spiegler is the star of Israel.

Now 32, this Russian-born midfield general and goalscorer came to Israel in 1949 and became captain of the national team and of his club, Maccabi Nathanya.

He started his international career in Israel's youth team and gained his first international cap in 1962.

He went from Maccabi to France, where he played for Paris St. Germashe.

ITZHAK SHUM, 28, midfielder, 56 caps. Born in USSR, plays for Hapoel Kear Saba, gained his first cap in 1968, 76 kg., 1.86m., 1970 World Cup and 1976 Olympic Games player.



JOSHOUA GAL, 25, forward, plays for Maccabi Nathanya, captain in 1970 of the Israeli team which won the Asian youth championship, 70 kg., 1.70m.

Recent results

The Israeli National Team has had considerable success during 1976, and the following are details of some of the results during the past year.

Tel Aviv 4-2-76 v Denmark 0-1.
Tel Aviv 3-3-76 v Nth. Ireland 1-1.
Seoul 31-3-76 v Japan 3-0.
Seoul 4-4-76 v South Korea 3-1.
Tel Aviv 11-4-76 v Japan 4-1.
Tel Aviv 28-4-76 v South Korea 0-0.
Toronto 19-7-76 v Guatamala 0-0.
Montreal 21-7-76 v Mexico 2-2.
Montreal 23-7-76 v France 1-1.
Toronto 25-7-76 v Brazil 1-4.
Patras 22-9-76 v Greece 1-0.
Tel Aviv 3-11-76 v Australia 1-1.
Tel Aviv 15-12-76 v Austria 1-3.
Tel Aviv 29-12-76 v West German Nat. Amateur 0-1.
Tel Aviv 11-1-77 v Bayern Muenchen 2-0.
Tel Aviv 20-1-77 v Greece 1-1.

Here Friday

The Israel delegation will arrive in Melbourne on Friday, at 1-30p.m. on Qantas flight 28.

The team will stay in Melbourne at the President Motor Inn, Queens Road.

On Sunday evening, the Israelis will leave Melbourne at 5.30p.m. arriving in Sydney at 6.40p.m. on TAA flight 564.

In Sydney the team will be accommodated at the Rushcutter Bay Travelodge.

The party will depart from Australia on Thursday, February 17.

Club scene

Israel First Division standings at the end of January.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Maccabi, Tel Aviv	12	3	0	31	12	27
Maccabi, Nathanya	7	4	4	21	17	18
Maccabi, Jaffa	7	4	4	15	12	18
Hacoch, Ramat Gan	6	5	4	16	12	17
Hapoel, Tel Aviv	5	6	4	22	17	16
Beitar, Jerusalem	5	6	4	14	11	16
Hapoel, Yasud	3	10	2	10	9	16
Beitar, Tel Aviv	5	5	5	18	15	15
Shimson, Tel Aviv	4	6	5	16	16	14
Hapoel, Haifa	5	4	6	16	17	14
Hapoel, Beer Sheba	5	4	6	14	18	14
Hapoel, Jerusalem	4	5	6	12	14	13
Hapoel, Acco	3	7	5	12	19	13
Maccabi Haifa	3	5	7	17	22	11
Hapoel, Kear Saba	2	7	6	16	25	11
Maccabi Petah Tikva	3	1	11	11	25	7

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Celtic, Arsenal, Red Star to clash in Sydney, Melbourne

Mr Reg Lambourne, head of World of Soccer, told **"Soccer Action"** that he hoped to stage yearly tournaments in Australia.

He said that apart from the clubs mentioned earlier, he had also approached Barcelona, Glasgow Rangers, Queen's Park Rangers and Tottenham Hotspur.

He said he hoped to arrange similar tournaments in Eygpt, Japan, Iran, South Korea and Malaysia.

Lambourne, who played soccer for Bexley United in the English Southern League and later managed Hornchurch in the Athenian League, is also the principal of the development company Country Class Investments.

In addition, he has an interest in Strata Travel, which has been the leader in the field of soccer promotions over the past five years.

His partner in World of Soccer is **Mr Tom Lawrence**, head of Strata Travel.

Others associated with the company are former Arsenal manager **Bertie Mee**, solicitor **Michael Harris** and public relations man **Leon Clifton**.

Lambourne said he was confident that the tournament would go ahead in July, with games in Sydney and Melbourne.

He said all that remained was to work out a profit-sharing formula with the NSW

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and Victorian Soccer Federations.

Celtic, Red Star and Arsenal had already signed contracts with World of Soccer.

He said that the staging of the proposed tournaments in Australia and Asia was a $750,000 undertaking.

It is the first promotions venture by the new company.

The Australian Soccer Federation has so far expressed no official attitude towards the tournament.

However, it is known to be a little cool on the idea — partly because it apparently is not yet sure about financial arrangements.

Obviously it would be desirable to have the national team take part in the tournament; with ASF blessing.

However, it is believed that NSW and Victoria would be willing, if necessary, to field either State teams or unofficial Australian elevens.

NSW Federation president **Peter McCann** said it was important that a fair share of any profits remain in Australia.

He added that the promoters realised this and were quite willing to make a fair deal.

McCann suggested to the promoters that at least one of the matches be played in Melbourne to maximise attendances.

He said: "The promoters need full houses for three matches to recoup the enormous expense of bringing three top-class teams to Australia.

"The matches would be played within eight days and therefore it would be difficult to fill the stadium each time if all games were played in Sydney.

"If one of them were moved to Melbourne, a full house would almost certainly be guaranteed."

Reg Lambourne told **"Soccer Action"** that he talked with VSF secretary **George Wallace** while Wallace was holidaying in England recently.

Lambourne said Wallace told him the VSF would be interested in having part of the tournament played in Melbourne.

Red Star, Arsenal and Celtic would certainly pack stadiums in Sydney and Melbourne.

Red Star has shown its class during its current tour and would be even better were **Filipovic, Jelikic, Petrovic** and **Sestic** not absent on national team duty.

Celtic and Arsenal have not toured before, so they are assured of a huge audience.

FIRST IN A SERIES BY LES SHORROCK ON PLAYERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT . . .

Billy beat Eusebio, Pele for top award

Billy Wilkinson, player-coach of George Cross.

George Cross's new player-coach, BILLY WILKINSON, thought he had set off on the right foot when he joined the ground staff of his native Middlesborough.

But three months later he was sidelined with a bad knee injury and the Boro released him. Then his luck changed, for a Hull City scout saw him with a local side and the late **Cliff Britton,** then Hull managfer, thought enough of him to pay for his knee operation and after three reserve games, he was signed full time.

Three hundred games and 34 goals later (for he was a striker in those days), Billy was transferred, in November '73, to Rotherham United for £12,000.

A season and a half later, South Africa, then starting a National League, beckoned and Billy went off happily to play for Durban Celtic.

Liking the climate as he did, he would probably have settled down there, but once again, an injury dictated otherwise.

In an accidental clash with Danny Egan of Sunderland and Ipswich fame, Billy broke his forearm and the injury was so serious that an operation in the UK was necessary, so home he went.

Months later, his arm in plaster, Billy was pondering the quirks that shape a player's career when he bumped into an old team-mate from Hull, goalkeeper **Ian McKechnie,** who gave him a glowing account of soccer in the United States.

So, Billy contacted the Boston Minuteman and their coach, **Hubert Vogelsin,** flew over and signed him on the spot.

A couple of weeks later, he found himself playing alongside such greats as **Eusebio** and **Simoes** of Portugal.

Great players or not, they didn't outshine Bill, who was voted player of the year in his second American season, and has a beautiful trophy to show for it.

At the end of the second season, Bill found himself back in England at a loose end, as the English season had started.

While he was making up his mind whether to return to America or not, an old team-mate, **Ray Anderson,** asked him to help out Southport for a few weeks, and he was with them in their climb to safety.

All the time though, **Kenny Wagstaff** was urging him to try his luck in Australia, and when he met the persuasive **Manny Rappinet,** that did the trick and out he came.

When you ask Billy about his most memorable match, he says without hesitation, "It was when we (Boston) beat Pele's New York Cosmos. The ground was packed and the fans overflowed onto the running track.

"The score was 0-0 at half-time, but early in the second half Eusebio hit one of his special freekicks from about 30 yards out. It went round the wall like a rocket and their goalie didn't move until it was in the net.

"Pele tried to emulate Eusebio, but he hit the wall, and although New York managed to equalise, we won it in extra time."

Billy's other outstanding memory is of the North American final last year, between Toronto Metros and **Freddie Goodwin's** Minnesota Kicks, which was played in Seattle's magnificent Kingdome Stadium, which boasts a full-size indoor astrojet Soccer pitch.

Eusebio, having transferred, played for the winners, Toronto Metros, the majority of whom toured here earlier as Toronto Metro-Croatia.

This little, 5 ft. 6 ins. wanderer will have a big job on his hands emulating Wagstaff's achievement in hoisting Geogie into the four last season, but I am sure he will do it.

One thing is certain, the Georgie fans won't be able to accuse him of not trying.

I hope that he and his wife **Carole** are able to settle down here, for we badly need players of his calibre and know-how.

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Cup draws set for March 18

BERNE — The draws for the semi-finals of the three main European club tournaments — the European Cup, Cup Winners' Cup and the European Football Union (UEFA) Cup — will take place in Zurich, Switzerland, on March 18, UEFA has announced.

Victory on way to World Cup

MONTEVIDEO. — **The Uruguayan national squad scored three goals in the second half to beat Chile 3-0 in a friendly preparation match for the World Cup qualifying round.**

After a scoreless first half Uruguay's **Pizzani** scored in the 53rd minute, **Morena** 10 minutes later and **Pereira** in the 80th minute.

An estimated 30,000 spectators watched the match in Montevideo's Centeneraio stadium.

Chile coach, **Caupolican Pena**, said Uruguay had progressed since the two squads played to a scoreless draw in Chile recently.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rosebud to run Peninsula Cup

Rosebud will once again hold its annual Peninsula Cup competition.

This has been successful over the years, with many teams participating.

The prize as usual will be the Peninsula Cup (worth $300) and the winning team will also receive $100 plus medals.

Runners-up will receive $50 plus medals.

The competition will start on February 20, and Rosebud hopes to have at least 16 participating teams.

President **Mike Forde** extends an invitation to all clubs to participate whether they are from Metro, Provisional, District or Industrial Leagues.

Rosebud hopes to do well in this competition as well as in the league in the coming season, under new coach **Peter Brennan** who has had many years' experience in the soccer world both as player and coach.

Enquiries for the competition to P.O. Box 392, Rosebud, 3939, or telephone M. Forde (059) 868810 (day), (059) 868067 (evening), or D. Dickson (059) 863128 (evening).

Eight contest Greek Cup

Collingwood City is running a Greek Summer Cup over the next seven weeks.

Teams competing are Hawthorn, Thornbury, Yarraville, Sandown, Clifton Hill, Melbourne United, and Collingwood City (Princes Park).

The ground is at a reserve in Field Street, Clifton Hill.

Games are on Sundays from 1.30 pm to 6 pm. There are three games a day.

The cup is under VSF Rules.

For any enquiries phone Collingwood secretary on 842 1091 (evening).

Vero Mladenovic

Adidas teams will clash

Adidas Sydney will meet Adidas Melbourne at Waverley City's ground on Sunday.

Both teams will include national league and State league players associated with the Adidas company.

Among them is former Socceroo **Ray Baartz**, who runs a sports store in Newcastle.

Mladenovic the boss

Former JUST and Victorian star Vero Mladenovic has been appointed chairman of Victorian Industrial League club Tarax.

Together with deputy chairman **Brkic** and secretary **Chant**, Mladenovic hopes to lead Tarax to the championship this year.

The club hopes to sign former Hungarian international **Karl Fekete**.

Coburg has new home

Coburg has moved to new headquarters at Hoskens Reserve, Shorts Road, North Coburg, close to Merlynston Station.

Training has started on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7 pm for all senior and reserve players.

Anyone interested in joining the playing staff can phone **Bobby Malcolm** (coach) on 338 5483, **Sandy Nicholson** (first team manager) on 338 4177 (W.H.) or **Mick Watson** (reserve team coach) on 379 6875, or visit the ground.

There is to be a general meeting at 8 pm on February 22 at Club H.Q.

The committee has refuted a report published in a foreign language paper that a fee was received for two players transferred to Polonia.

No money at all was received by Coburg.

Juniors interested in playing for Coburg will be welcomed on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 5.30 pm.

All age groups from under 10 to under 16 are needed.

There is also a need for coaches and team managers in the under 10s, 11s, and 12s.

Interested in juniors?

After a successful inaugural season, Berwick City soccer club is looking forward to the 1977 season with teams from under 7 to under 14, and a senior and reserve team.

Training for all ages is at Akoonah Park on Tuesday and Thursday of each week.

Junior training started on February 3 and seniors on February 1. Times are as follows:

Juniors — Under 7, 8, 9 and 11: 4.30 pm; Under 14: 5.30 pm; Seniors: 7 pm.

Whilst **George Linardos** has been reappointed senior coach, the Club would still like to hear from people interested in coaching any of the junior teams or acting as team managers and being generally involved in the development and running of the junior teams.

Interested persons should contact Mr Jack Burniston, 3 Kent Road, Narre Warren, Phone 704 6213.

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CELTIC, ARSENAL—

Bobby Collins — star with Celtic before coming to Australia as captain-coach of Wilhelmina.

Current Arsenal star Frank Stapleton.

ABOVE: John Radford rises above everyone in a match against Liverpool at Highbury. He was later capped for England.

RIGHT: Arsenal's George Male (left), meets his match in the great Dixie Dean, Everton's striker-in-chief for a generation.

BELOW: Jimmy Johnstone. the 5ft 4 ins fighting winger, given a free transfer to Sheffield United by Celtic in recognition for his 15 years' service.

Action from the 1967 European Cup final. Inter Milan's goalkeeper dives desperately to save a shot from Chalmers on the goal line, but Celtic won the game 2-1.

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GIANTS OF BRITISH FOOTBALL

Glasgow Celtic and Arsenal are both winners of European cup competitions.

Celtic won the European Champions' Cup in 1967, beating Inter Milan 2-1 in the final in Lisbon. It again reached the final in 1970 but this time lost 1-2 to Feyenoord of Holland in Milan.

Arsenal, new home of stars Malcolm Macdonald and Alan Hudson, won the European Fairs Cup in 1970, beating Anderlecht of Belgium 4-3.

In July, Celtic and Arsenal, together with Red Star of Belgrade may visit Australia to play a tournament with Australia in Sydney and Melbourne.

It would be the greatest football event Australia has seen.

Much has been written about Red Star, Yugoslavia's most successful club, during its Australian tour.

Just as much is known to the Scottish and English fans about Celtic and Arsenal, two of the most important clubs in UK football.

Both clubs are steeped in tradition, Celtic having been founded in 1888 and Arsenal in 1886.

Both have had ties with Australia through players who have come here to join Australian clubs.

Bobby Collins, for example, was a Celtic champion and also played for Everton, Leeds and Oldham before coming here in 1971 to become player-coach of Ringwood Wilhelmina and later Hakoah Sydney.

Duncan McKay, another Celtic Star and Scottish International, played for Croatia in Melbourne and has lately been coaching in Perth.

Willie Wallace, another international from Celtic, was in the APIA team that won the NSW championship last season, and goalkeeper **Frank Haffey** left Celtic to join Hakoah Sydney.

John Sanchez was an Arsenal player before joining Slavia in Melbourne during the sixties and coach **Paddy Sloan** also played for the Gunners.

Arsenal has had countless stars over the years.

There was **Ted Drake**, who scored seven goals against Aston Villa — a Division One record;

Ronnie Rooke who joined the club at 35 and was Division One top scorer with 33 goals when Arsenal won the title in 1947-48;

Joe Mercer, team captain, who remains a leading light in British football;

Cliff Holton who became a prolific scorer after being transformed from a defender into a forward;

David Jack, the legendary star of the thirties;

George Armstrong, dynamic winger, now Arsenal's longest-serving player;

Charlie George, the long-haired forward who had a few brilliant seasons with Arsenal before transferring to Derby, plus contemporary players **Frank Stapleton, David O'Leary, Alex Cropley** and former captain **Frank McLintock.**

Celtic too has had stars galore including controversial **Jimmy Johnstone, James McGrory** who scored a record 397 for the club and **Bobby Evans** who represented Scotland 48 times.

And lets not forget present star **Kenny Dalglish,** an outstanding forward.

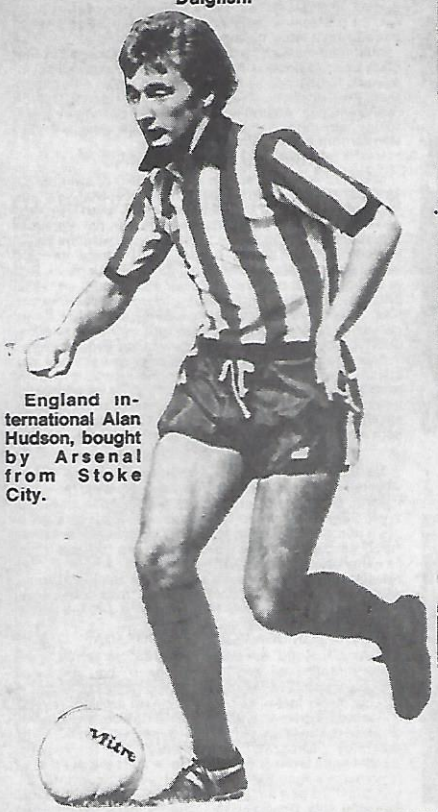
Celtic and Scottish international Kenny Dalglish.

Ronnie Rooke, top scorer in Division One when Arsenal won the title in 1947-48.

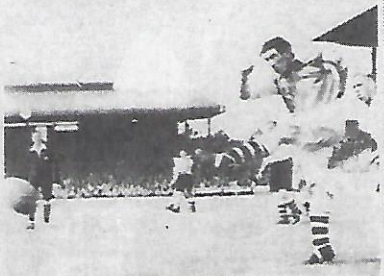
Joe Mercer, Arsenal captain, 1947-48.

Leslie Compton, known as "Bighead" for his headwork in defence.

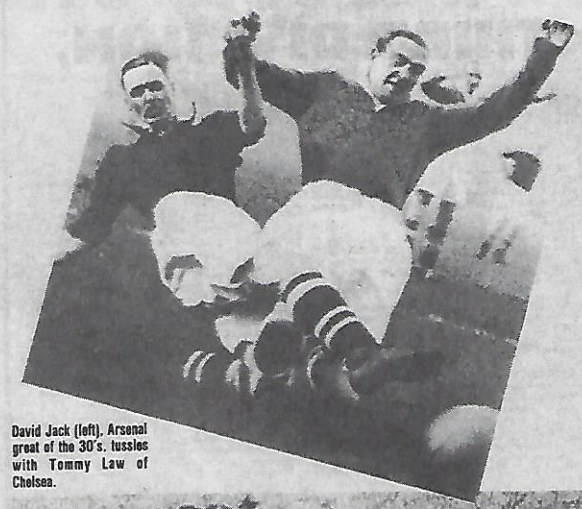
Cliff Holton, joined Arsenal as a back, converted to centre forward and became a prolific scorer.



England international Alan Hudson, bought by Arsenal from Stoke City.

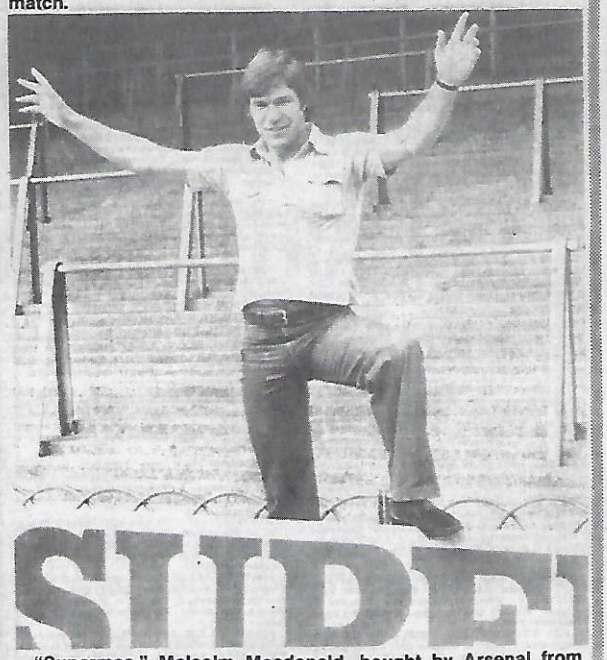


Arsenal centre forward Ted Drake scored seven goals against Aston Villa — First Division record.



David Jack (left), Arsenal great of the 30's, tussles with Tommy Law of Chelsea.

Clashes between Celtic and Rangers in Glasgow have long been marred by crowd disturbances. Here a Rangers fan is heaved off after attacking players of Celtic. In 1971 many spectators died when a stand collapsed during a Celtic v Rangers match.



"Supermac," Malcolm Macdonald, bought by Arsenal from Newcastle United.

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3rd WEEK SAT. 30th APRIL: Prahran City v. Heidelberg; Coburg v. Yallourn; Moorabbin v. Chelsea; Ringwood Utd. v. Park Rangers; Broadmeadows City v. Port Melbourne; Knox City v. Essendon City.

4th WEEK SAT. 7th MAY: Port Melbourne v. Knox City; Park Rangers v. Broadmeadows City; Chelsea v. Ringwood Utd.; Essendon City v. Prahran City; Yallourn v. Moorabbin; Heidelberg v. Coburg.

5th WEEK SAT. 14th MAY: Coburg v. Prahran City; Moorabbin v Heidelberg; Broadmeadows City v. Chelsea; Knox City v. Park Rangers; Port Port Melbourne v. Essendon City; Ringwood Utd. v. Yallourn.

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7th WEEK SAT. 28th MAY: Moorabbin v. Coburg; Ringwood Utd. v. Prahran City; Broadmeadows City v. Heidelberg; Knox City v. Yallourn; Port Melbourne v. Chelsea; Park Rangers v. Essendon City.

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12th WEEK SAT. 2nd JULY: Yallourn v. Heidelberg; Chelsea v. Prahran City; Park Rangers v. Coburg; Port Melbourne v. Moorabbin; Knox City v. Ringwood Utd.; Essendon City v. Broadmeadows City.

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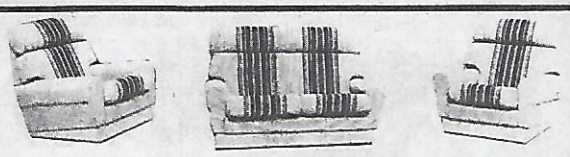

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WEBSTER TO MOVE

Alexander midfield star Keith Webster is looking for a new club.

Webster, 30, one of Alexander's best players last season, played in the club's 1975 championship-winning team and also in the Juventus side that won the championship in 1970.

Alexander has told Webster it is willing to release him.

A shrewd, imaginative and hard-working midfielder, Webster signed as a professional with Newcastle United in England in 1961 and had a few first team games during his five seasons there.

He then had about 30 senior games with Darlington in the English Third Division before moving to Notts County and York City.

He joined Juventus late in 1969 and switched to Alexander for the bargain price of $500 in February, 1975.

At Juventus he was a key member of the all-conquering team that included **George Kinnell, Dino DeMarchi, Jock Goodwin, Gareth Salisbury, Tommy McColl, Sandy Irvine, Bobby Thomson, Bryan Thompson Ron Frost** and **Jack Reilly.**

Webster will continue training with Alexander and will play in its practice matches pre-season.

Clubs interested in signing him can ring him at home on 758-7152.

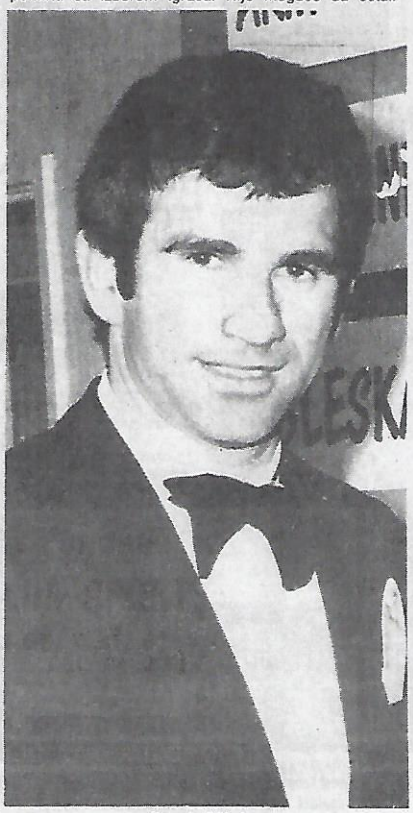
Keith Webster, best man afield, leaves the ground after Alexander's 1-2 loss to Hellas at Fitzroy last season.

DOVDJENJA v JULU

Iako se rezultatski nije popravila, reprezentacija Australije je za prikazanu igru na trecoj utakmici protiv Zvezda dobila niz pohvala. Trener crveno-belih Goko Zec smatra da je Australija dosta naucila i dobro iskoristila prva dva susreta u Sidneju.

U Melburnu je Australija izvela nekoliko lepih akcija, vise puta ugrozila Zvezdinu mrezu i postigla najlepsi gol utakmice. Da li je to bio slucaj ili stvarni popravak Austrlije pokazace nam iduca subota, jer nam stari rival Izrael dolazi u goste. Utakmica se igra na Olympic Parku. Znamo kakve smo rezultate ranije postizali protiv Izraela, pa ce nam ova utakmica pokazati koliko smo napredovali i sta mozemo oceki vati u kvalifikacijama za svetsko prvenstvo.

Bez obzira na pohvale, koje je dobila Australija za poslednju utakmicu protiv Zvezzde, ne mozemo se pomiriti sa izborom igraca. Nije moguce da ostali



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gradovi ne mogu dati vise reprezentativaca. Uostalom to ce pokazati Nacionalna liga, koja malo kasni sa pocetkom, ali ce ubuduce biti vazno merilo prave vrednosti nasih igraca.

ZVEZDA NAZAD U JULU MESECU

Zvezda je igrala nesto slabije u Melburnu, ali je ipak ostavila lep utisak, jer se osetilo da ne igra pod punom parom. Nije bilo nuzde, jer je protivnik bio dobro poznat. Za profesionalce je suvise igrati tri puta za sedam dana protivu istog protivnika.

Medjutim, sasvim ce druga situacija biti kada Zvezda bude ponovo dosla u Australiju. To nije tako daleko. U mesecu julu igrace se dva turnira, po jedan u Sidneju i Melburnu. Protivnici Zvezde ce tada biti Arsenal, Celtic i reprezentacija Australije. Crveno-beli dovode najbolji sastav, sto mnogo znaci, jer ovog puta nisu dosli pet standardnih prvotimaca.

TURNIR U PORT MELBURNU

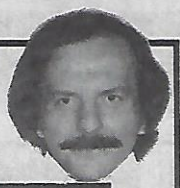
J.U.S.T. — ov tim, koji ce se takmiciti u drugo j diviziji igra na turniru u Port Melburnu. Ucestvuju sedam klubova, od kojih su za sad najuspesniji "plavi". Proslje nedelje je J.U.S.T. savladao vrlo dobar tim Western Suburbs sa 1:0 (1:0) Jedini gol je posle izvanredne kombinacije postigao Petko Tomic. Da bi odrzao formu i kondiciju nastupio je i veteran JUST-a Frank Micic. Bio je najbolji igrac na terenu. Pored njega treba pohvaliti odbranu na celu sa golmanom George Stefanidesom. Kao sto smo ranije javili prvu utakmicu je JUST igrao nereseno sa Melburnom. Posto igra svako sa svakim, JUST ce odigrati jos cetiri utakmice na ovom turniru. Trener Frank Simunovic jos nije siguran kakav ce biti stalan sastav JUST-ovog tima, jer ima mnogo igraca na raspolaganju. Vreme je potrebno da bi se svi oprobali i pokazali svoju sposobnost. Mladi igraci moraju imati strpljenje, ako zele da se probiju do Nacionalne lige, koja moze postati glavna sportska atrakcija u Australiji.

TURNIR U GEELONGU

Na italijanskom turniru u Geelong-u, koji ce trajati vise nedelja igraju i nasi klubovi Norlane, West Geelong i North Geelong. Brintons je u prvom kolu savladao West Geelong/Makedoniju "B" sa 1:0. Norlane ulazi u novu sezonu sa mladim igracima, uglavnom decacima ispod 16 godina. To je glavni razlog sto je iskusni tim Fawkner-a pregazio nase momke sa 4:0 (0:0). Po rezultatu prvog poluvremena moze se zakljuciti da su JASK-ovi decaci igrali dobro dok su imali daha, a na kraju je odlucilo iskustvo. Najbolji u timu JASK-a su bili Mile Stojanovic i Luko Jozep.

DRUGA POBEDA BEOGRADA

U Ampol Kupu Adelaide "Beograd" je zahvaljujuci Zoranu Maticu osvojio cetiri boda u dve utakmice. Proslog petka "plavi" su pobedili Viktoriju sa 1:0 (1 ;0). Strelac je bio Matic, koji je stvorio vise idealnih prilika, ali lopta nije htela u mrezu. Mladi Santrac je na pocetku drugog poluvremena pogodio stativu. Pred kraj utakmice "Beograd" je popustio, sto je Viktoria iskoristila da krene u napad, ali je tada dosao do izraza ja golman Dragan Stevanovic, koji je branio odlicno. Na ovoj utakmici prvi put je nastupio za Beograd bivsi igrac Adelaide City Ross Russo. Najbolji igrac "Beograda" bio je Zoran Matic.



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ΕΘΝΙΚΗ ΟΜΑΣ ΚΑΤ' ΑΠΟΚΛΕΙΣΤΙΚΟΤΗΤΑ

"Ἔχει γνίε πλέοι κοι νό μυστικό στούς φιλάθλους ὅτι ἡ ἐθνική ὁμάδα Αὐστραλίας συγκροτεῖται κατ' ἀποκλεοτικότητα σχεδόν ἀπό παῖκτες τῆς N.N.O. Πολλοί δὲν θά συμφωνήσουν μ' αὐτό λέγοντας ὅτι στὴν N. N. O ὑπάρχουν καλύτεροι ποδοσφαιριστές. Ἴσως αὐτό νά ἀληθεύει ἀλλά τά τελευταῖα ἀποτελέσματα τῆς ἐθνικῆς μᾶς δίνουν κάθε δικαίωμα νά θέσουμε ἐρωτήματα τόσο γιά τήν ποιότητα τῶν παικτῶν ὅ σο καί γιά τόν τρόπο συγκροτήσεως τῆς ἐθνικῆς ὁμάδας.

Δὲν εἶναι ἡ πρώτη φορά πού ἀσχολούμεθα μέ τήν ἐθνική καί τήν κατά σχεδόν ἀπο κλειστικότητα συγκρότησή της ἀπό παῖκτες τοῦ Σύδνεῦ. Κανείς ἀρχίζει καί σκέπτεται ἄν περνᾶμε μιά περίοδο ὁμάδια μέ κείνη στήν Ἑλλάδα ὅταν στὴν ἐθνική της ὁμάδα ἐπάδρωναν μόνο μέ παῖκτες τοῦ περίφημου τότε ΠΟΚ. Πέρασαν πολλά χρόνια πρίν παῖκτες τῶν ἄλλων ὁμάδων ἄρχισαν νά φοροῦν τήν φανέλα της.

"Οταν πέρυσι συνάντησαμε τὸν νέο προπονητή κ. Τζίμ Σώλντερ ἐξεχώρισαμε στίς δηλώσεις του μία δόση ἐνθουσιασμοῦ καί αἰσιοδοξίας γιά μία κάποια πιό δημοκρατική καί πιό ἀντικειμενική ἐκλογή παικτῶν γιά τήν ἐθνική ὁμάδα. "Οπως κριθῆ ἱκανός νά παίξη στὴν ἐθνική ὁμάδα θά κληθῆ νά παίξη καί δέν ἔχει σημασία ἀπό ποῦ εἶναι καί σε ποιά ὁμάδα παίζει.

Ἐλπίσαμε τότε ὅτι ὁ νέος προπονητής θά εἶχε τήν διορατικότητα πού ἀρμόζει σέ προπονητή ἐθνικῆς ὁμάδος ὅταν πρόκειται νά κάνη τήν ἐκλογή τῶν παικτῶν. Δέν μπορεῖ κανείς ἀπό τούς ἰθύνοντες τῆς ἐθνικῆς νά πείση τούς φιλάθλους τῆς Βικτώριας ὅτι μόνον ἕνας παίκτης εἶναι ἱκανός γιά τήν ὁμάδα. Δὲν εἶναι ἀνάγκη νά ἀναφέρουμε ὀνόματα διότι ὑπάρκίνδυνος νά ποῦν ὅτι προσπαθοῦμε νά προωθήσουμε ὡρισμένους παῖκτες τῆς ἀρεσκείας μας. Δὲν προσπαθοῦμε νά προωθήσουμε συγκεκριμένα ὀνόματα ἄν καί τό ὑλικό πού ὑπάρχει στὴν Βικτώρια θά μᾶς ἐπέτρεπε κάτι τέτοιο. Αὐτό πού προσπαθοῦμε νά κάνουμε εἶναι νά σταματήσουμε τό ἐμπόριο τῆς N.N.O καί νά δώσουμε τήν εὐκαιρία καί σέ ἄλλους παῖκτες τῆς Αὐστραλίας νά κληθοῦν στὴν ἐθνική ὁμάδα καί νά τούς δοθῆ ἡ εὐκαιρία νά δείξουν τί μποροῦν νά προσφέρουν. "Αν τότε κριθοῦν ἱκανοί νά παίξουν στὴν ὁμάδα, νά παίξουν καί ὄχι νά παραμερισθοῦν ὅπως γίνεται μέχρι σήμερα.

Τά ἀποτελέσματα πού ἔφερε ἡ Αὐστραλία στούς τρεῖς ἀγῶνες της μὲ τὸν Ἐρυθρό Ἀστέρα δὲν ἦταν αὐτά πού περιμένει κανείς ἀπό μία Ἐθνική ὁμάδα. Ὁ κ. Σώλντερ μὲ τήν ὑπεραισιοδοξία πού τόν χαρακτηρίζει δηλώνει ὅτι θά σφαγιάσω τήν N. Ζηλανδία στούς προκριματικούς τοῦ Παγκοσμίου Κυπέλλου. Τί θά γίνη ὅμως ἄν ὑπάρξουν τραυματισμοί ἤ πτώση φόρμας ἀνάμεσα στούς σχεδόν μόνιμους παῖκτες τῆς ἐθνικῆς; Μὲ ποιούς θά τούς ἀναπληρώση; "Αν τότε σκεφθῆ τὴν Βικτώρια ἤ ἄλλη πολιτεία θά εἶναι ἀργά διότι οἱ παῖκτες πού θά κληθοῦν δὲν θά ἔχουν τήν κατάλληλη φυσική καί ψυχολογική προετοιμασία. Θά θεωροῦνται ἀναπληρωματικοί καί αὐτό κάνει κακό σ' ὁποιονδήποτε παίκτη. Πῶς θά μπορέσουν νά προσαθμοσθοῦν στὸ παιγνίδι τῆς ἐθνικῆς ὅταν δὲν κληθοῦν ἀπό τώρα; Τί θά γίνη ὅταν οἱ Ἀμπόνι Γουίλκον, Μπένετ, Ρούνι κ.ἀ. πάρουν... σύνταξη; Μέ ποιούς θά τούς ἀντικαταστήση ὁ κ. Σώλντερ καί πότε;

"Οπως ἔχουν τά πράγματα καί ἄν συνεχιστοῦν ἔτσι ἡ Ἐθνική Αὐστραλίας θά ἔχη τήν ἴδια τύχη πού εἶχε καί ἡ ἐθνική Ἀγγλίας πού κρεμάστηκε στὴν πέρα τῶν ἀστεριῶν τῆς χώρις νά φροντίση γιά τήν δημιουργία νέων παικτῶν καί ὅταν οἱ παλιοί δὲν ἀνήκαν πλέον στὴν ἐθνική δέν ὑπῆρχαν οἱ κατάλληλα προετοιμασμένοι παῖκτες νά τούς ἀντικαταστήσουν.

Ἀκριβῶς τὴν ἴδια τακτική ἀκολουθεῖ καί ὁ κ. Σώλντερ ὁ ὁποῖος ἔχοντας μπροστά του τό Παγκόσμιο Κύπελλο θεωρεῖ καλύτερη λύση νά χρησιμοποίηση κατ' ἀποκλειστικότητα τούς παῖκτες πού κατά τή γνώμη του εἶναι οἱ πιό ἔμπειροι σέ διεθνεῖς ἀγῶνες καί οἱ ὁποῖοι προέρχονται ἀπό ὁμάδες τῆς N.N.O χωρίς νά φροντίση νά ἔχη παῖκτες ἕτοιμους νά ἀναπληρώσουν ἔναν τραυματία ἤ ἕναν παίκτη ἐκτός φόρμας. Αὐτό γίνεται μέ τήν πρόσκληση στὴν ἐθνική περισσοτέρων παικτῶν καί ἀπό ὅλες τίς πολιτεῖες. "Οχι νά ἀρχίσουμε νά ζοῦμε πάλι τήν ἐποχή πού ἡ ἐθνική ἀποτελεῖτο ἀπό τήν παρέα τοῦ κ. Ράσικ καί κανέναν ἄλλον.

Ἡ ἐθνική χρειάζεται σοβαρή δουλειά καί σὲ βάθος. Οἱ προχειρότητες δὲν ἔφεραν ποτέ καλά ἀποτελέσματα.

Π. Γεωργίου

Red Star ban: it wasn't me, says Weinstein

Victorian Soccer Federation chairman Michael Weinstein has denied that it was he who banned Footscray J.U.S.T.'s proposed match againstRed Star.

The banning of the match has caused discontent among Melbourne's Yugoslav community.

The Yugoslavs were bitterly disappointed at being deprived of the chance to see Red Star in action against their own local team.

The match was to have been played in Melbourne last night (Tuesday).

"Soccer Action" reported last week that J.U.S.T. was all set to go ahead when Weinstein returned from an overseas trip and banned the match.

Weinstein, also an ASF vice-president, said this week:

"It is utterly untrue that I banned the game.

"The ASF banned the game.

"However, I would have done the same, had it been up to me."

Weinstein added that at no stage had VSF President **Theo Marmaras** or secretary **George Wallace** led J.U.S.T. to believe that there would be no objections to the game.

The game was banned after claims that it would detract from gate takings at Australia's match against Red Star last Saturday night.

Michael Weinstein

Les Erdi (right) — he's turned his back on Hakoah. He's pictured with former coach Sandy Henderson — centre of a dispute over which Erdi quit last year.

A view from the junior ranks
BY LEIF JENSEN

Grading means end of cricket scores

Grading of junior teams has arrived at last. As a coach, and I am sure, on behalf of most other coaches I welcome the move.

Competition is going to be much more interesting this year and our boys and our parents will find it much more exciting to see games in which the result will not be 32-0 but rather 2-1.

Let us now do our part by not moaning about having to travel a little to get these games. It is a big step forward for juniors, so let us make sure it works.

Another welcome innovation is the U/11 lightning championship matches being played as curtain raisers to the senior Ampol Cup games at Olympic Park.

It is terrific to see our young boys performing in front of a crowd on a senior ground. Let us have more of this in 1977.

My third cheer, is for a higher grant of money to junior soccer in 1977. The JLMC must finally have got through to the government concerned and convinced it that **SOCCER IS HERE TO STAY** and the only thing we are short of is **MONEY** and **GROUNDS.**

So, at least we are getting more money. All we need now is more grounds, but I am sure that if we all keep at it this will come next year.

It would be good if in a couple of years' time, every school had a soccer ground which the local soccer club could use for some of its weekend games.

Why don't we all try to convince our local councils that doing it this way would make everybody happy? More boys could be playing soccer and clubs would have an extra ground at their disposal.

Let's face it, we are not in it for the money; all we want is more boys playing better soccer so we can make it the number one national sport.

Now for the next changes in our junior set-up.

I won't cheer because they are very drastic changes and I for one will wait and see.

It is not that I am against these changes, but they are yet to be tried.

We must however give the JLMC credit for giving something new a trial, this being the only way we will ever find out.

What changes am I talking about? Well, as they say: don't get your knickers in a twist, you will just have to wait until next week. I hope the suspense doesn't kill you. See you next week.

UNDER 13 TRIALS

Trials for the Victorian Under 13 Yarra Region squad will start on Saturday, February 12 at 1 pm. Venue will be Elwood Park, The Esplanade, Elwood.

Yarra clubs are asked to send along any 12 or 13-year-old boys who showed ability last season.

For further information contact either Leif Jensen (coach) on 96 3193 all hours or Don Drake (manager) on 435 5166 after hours.

Joe Deguara at 'Meadows

Joe Deguara has been appointed senior coach of Victorian Third Division Club Broadmeadows after the shock resignation of Don Jordan.

The committee moved swiftly to obtain Deguara's services.

The new coach met the players last week and watched a practice match between the first team and the reserves.

Deguara, 42, is well known in the coaching circles. He led Doncaster Rovers in their championship year in Division Four in 1975 and has had spells in charge of Moorabbin, St. Albans, and Altona. He coached Broadmeadows in 1974.

Asked for his immediate aims, Joe said: "The playing strength at the club is good, and it is only a matter of playing a number of games before the season starts, for the players to adapt themselves. We will do well in Division Three."

Zaire quits

Nigeria has qualified for the third round of the African Qualifying Tournament of the World Cup because Zaire has withdrawn from the competition.

STEPHEN KALUS

Erdi out again

The in and out president of Hakoah-St. Kilda, Les Erdi has resigned again.

It is not the first time that the well-known city businessman has parted with his club.

Near the end of last season, after a row with the committee over club coaching, Erdi walked out and **Henry Greenfield,** the long-serving vice-president, took over, but his reign did not last long.

Business commitments in Sydney did not allow Greenfield to devote as much time as he would have liked and **Les Erdi** walked in again this time together with his coach, Sam Myer, and all of his conditions were accepted by the committee.

Some rumors said that Erdi had bought out the club and taken over all the assets and debts, but this was never confirmed by club officials.

A few weeks ago Erdi put his cards on the table and after a row with some committeemen walked out again.

At present the treasurer of the club, **Keith Korman,** is the acting president and has the support of the livewire recruiting officer **Fred Halperin,** chairman **Ron Berger** and others.

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Father Gamajski is doing a tremendous job for Polonia.

He has been in charge of the under 16 and under 14 teams for the past two years, supplying the State League team with talented players and although he lost six top players from last year's champion under 16 team he hopes that his under 16 youngsters will again win honors.

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You would not have recognised the Olympic Park Press room last Wednesday night. When I walked in to report the 1977 Melbourne Games, organised by the Athletic Association, I thought at first that I was in the wrong place. But colleague **Ted Lezon,** the only other soccer reporter in the Press room, said to me: "Isn't it nice for a change to be in this room surrounded by new faces?"

Well-known soccer personality Dr Charlie Walker is still ill in New Zealand.

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Sam Myer, when in Israel while on his overseas trip, recruited three top players for his club and although Hakoah-St. Kilda is trying hard to get clearances, the club has so far failed to succeed.

The club's acting president, **Keith Korman** told me that his club has done everything possible but the Israeli Soccer Federation is apparently hard as a wall. On the other hand, Hakoah's former keeper **Zwi Poznanski** is playing in Israel without a clearance from Hakoah.

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VSF secretary **George Wallace,** when I visited him at Soccer House after the first round of the "new look" Ampol Cup night competition, was all smiles, and no wonder. Nearly 6000 spectators watched the oppening games despite the absence of Hellas, Alexander and JUST.

The new teams in the competition brought enthusiasm with them and I am sure that this year's series will be as successful as ever.

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Reports from Poland say that Wisla (Krakow) will be the next Polish team to tour Australia.

As I reported previously, several other teams like Widzew (Lodz), Ruch (Chorzow) and LKS (Lodz) contacted the Australian Soccer Federation offering to tour, and it looks to me that LKS (Lodz) has the best chance to tour Australia at the beginning of the 1978 season.

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